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## SIXTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The state of Indiana, the citizens of Indianapolis and the members of all allied organizations worked hard to make the 83rd and final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic the finest and most memorable one ever held. The lack of flags and decorations usually in evidence in Encampment cities was partially made up for by the warmth and manner in which the delegates were received by the good Indiana people.

Six G. A. R. Comrades were in attendance this year. They were: Theodore A. Penland, Oregon, 100 years; James A. Hard, New York, 108 years; Charles Chappel, California, 102 years; Albert Wolson, Minnesota, 102 years; Robert Barrett, Kentucky, 102 years; Joseph Cloverse, Michigan, 105 years. These six old men transacted the business and carried out the closing ceremonies in disbanding the organization that was started in the same city eighty-three years previously by some 240 delegates attending the first Encampment in 1866.

Time is relentless, and marches on regardless of circumstances and conditions, but it has been kind to some at least of the large number who enlisted to save their country from disunion in 1861. On May 30 Life Magazine, after a very thorough cross-country search, against all known lists, Federal and otherwise, published the name and pictures of the last 30 survivors of the Union Army in the Civil War—three of whom have died since that publication. This list follows:

George Carroll, 110, Cincinnati, Ohio; James Hard, 107, Rochester, N. Y.; M. J. Thralls, 106, Nampa, Idaho; James Smith, 106, Lebanon, Oregon; Joseph Cloverse, 105, Pontiac, Mich.; George Grizzle, 104, Holdenville, Okla.; Douglas Story, 104, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lansing Wilcox, 103, Cadott, Wis.; John Hutchinson, 103, Stroud, Okla.; Hiram Gale, 102, Seattle, Wash.; Daniel Clingman, 102, Wauseon, Ohio; Robert Barrett, 102, Princeton, Ky.; Al-

Indianapolis, Ind., Host for Eighth Time to G. A. R.,  
and for Sixth Time to G. A. R. Family—G. A. R.  
Disbands as An Organization This Year

### NEW OFFICERS FOR 1949-50

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### ACTIVITIES

The official program opened for all organizations on Sunday morning when services were held at the First Baptist Church at 10:30 o'clock. Services in memory of departed Comrades was held at 2:30 p. m., in the Indiana

Ball Room. At these services, really the opening of the G. A. R. Encampment, their colors were brought into the beautiful Indiana, Ballroom and placed on the rostrum by Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, C. Leroy Stoutd and Neil Cranmer of the Sons of Union Veterans. These colors remained there during the entire Encampment until the Campfire on Wednesday evening, at the close of which, while the U. S. Marine Band played "Taps" when they were retired for the last time by Brothers Lambert, Stoutd and Cranmer. This was a beautiful and touching ceremony which was attended by an overflow crowd in the spacious auditorium. Brother Cranmer carried the National Colors, while Brother Lambert carried the Grand Army Flag, and Brother Stoutd carried the Commander-in-Chief's Flag. It was announced

by Miss Gillis that this set of three colors would now be presented to the Smithsonian Institute for permanent display there.

A plaque commemorating this final Encampment, and placed on a prominent place on the steps of the Soldiers Monument in The Circle (the first time anything was ever allowed to be placed on this monument) given by the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, was dedicated by them at 4:00 p. m. Sunday afternoon.

Sunday evening, at the Fairgrounds Coliseum, the U. S. Marine Band, a participant in G. A. R. Encampment activities for several years past, gave their annual concert, under the direction of their popular leader, Wm. T. Santelman. As usual it drew a capacity audience who shows its appreciation of their splendid music by sincere applause. Classic as well as popular numbers, as rendered by these musicians, brings out a delightful harmony from the varied instrumentation, and the whole evening is a delight to those who are privileged to attend.

Also on Sunday evening in the Roof Garden, of the Severin Hotel, occurred the annual Memorial Services of the Sons and Auxiliary, under the direction of the Chaplains of both organizations, for their deceased members. Past Com-in-Chief Huston gave a tribute to deceased members of the G. A. R.; Past Com-in-Chief Cranmer gave a tribute to deceased members of the Sons; Past Com-in-Chief Sautter gave a tribute to Past Nat'l Sec.-Treas. Horace H. Hammer; Past Nat'l Pres. Edith Nile gave a tribute to deceased members of the Auxiliary; Past Nat'l Pres. Clara Gallagher gave a tribute to Past Nat'l Pres. Anna Keene; and floral tributes were placed on altar by Dept. Coms. and Dept. Pres. for deceased members of their Departments.

The tribute paid to Past Nat'l Sec.-Treas. Hammer by Past Com-in-Chief Sautter was as follows:

**IN MEMORIAM—HORACE H. HAMMER**

Cherishing the memory of friends with whom we have been associated, and with whom we have labored in behalf of our Organization, and who have crossed over, is to be commended.

It is with this beautiful impulse of the heart that we, at the beginning of our annual Encampment, pay tribute to one whom we all esteemed most highly because of his long membership and exceptional service to our Order.

By a most unusual coincidence it becomes my sad duty, for the fourth time in the same city and in the same structure in that city, to express sorrow at the passing of one whom we loved. In this city and in this room in 1920, I paid our tribute to James Lewis Rake, in 1921 to Edwin M. Amies, in 1942 to Samuel S. Horn; all from Pennsylvania, all had served as Commander-in-Chief, all were devoted members of our Order. Now for the fourth time, I pay this tribute of love to one with whom I was closely associated for more than half a century, and whose friendship I valued above all others.

On the day we commemorate as the birth of the Christ child Horace H. Hammer passed to the Beyond. Knowing him so long and intimately as I was privileged I know he would not desire words of eulogy at his passing. Praise from friends with whom he had been associated was not strange to him. He had had the unusual experience of having lived to have words of appreciation and commendation from many with whom he had labored in an official capacity, and each of whom had, at the expiration of his term of office expressed words of the high esteem they held of him and their indebtedness to him for his assistance, for he had been loyal, faithful and devoted to all.

Even in the days of his suffering, for his passing was after long and intense pain, I believe, if he could have expressed his thoughts, they would have been in the words of that beautiful poem—

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark—  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I embark.

Our Order never had a more devoted member, and we have had many devoted members. He held membership in other fraternities, among the largest and by human measurements the great of our country, but he prized membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War above all others. Not strange to me because I knew his pride in the service of his father to his country, for he was among the first who answered the call of Abraham Lincoln in 1861, as a member of the Regiment known as the First Defenders, their deeds commemorated by a beautiful monument in the park of the city in which he lived practically all his life—Reading, Pennsylvania.

In the passing of Horace Hammer we have lost the one with possibly the longest membership in our Order, for he became a member in 1881 of Gen. Geo. B. Meade Camp No. 16. Active and interested from the beginning he served his Camp and early becoming active in Department affairs, he was Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania in 1886-1887.

But it is as a member of the Commandery-in-Chief that we know him best. Records show his attendance at 60 sessions of this body. In 1905 when the office of National Secretary was created he was unanimously selected to fill that office, and re-elected at the end of each five-year term, serving continuously for 43 years until his forced resignation because of his physical condition last year. Prior to 1905 he had filled the office

of Adjutant General to two Commanders-in-Chief. From 1920, following the death of his close friend and associate, James Lewis Rake, who had filled the office of National Treasurer from 1905, Horace also served as National Treasurer.

I question if his years of service in an official capacity has ever been surpassed in the history of any fraternity. He served forty-four Commanders-in-Chief, twenty-two of whom have preceded him to the Other Shore, and of the living Past Commanders-in-Chief he was part of the administration of all save one.

His long membership and service are inseparably associated with the history of our Order, and it is in the hearts of the membership that his best epitaph is written.

But he was equally a friend of the Auxiliary, ever at their command and bearing testimony of their worth to our Order.

The great sorrow in the life of our departed brother was the loss of his devoted wife, who in life had been a faithful, devoted, loyal member of the Auxiliary, twice honored to election as National President, our beloved Molly, called to her reward six years ago. Since then life to Horace was a lonely one, and while perhaps not expressed in words, a sad one.

It falls to the lot of few to cross to the Other Shore amidst so warm a gratitude flowing from the hearts of those with whom he had been associated and labored. It is not always by words that the living pay the dead the sincerest tribute. The heart is not necessarily the fountain of words, but it is always the source of tears, whether of joy, gratitude or grief.

We cannot think of Horace Hammer as dead—he has just left us for a while, another added to the many who have Crossed the Bar, and another to meet in the hereafter.

They never quite leave us, the friends who have passed

To the shadow of death, to the sunlight above.

A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast

To the places they blessed with their presence and love.

The usual preliminary meetings held previous to business sessions, Credential Committees, Auditing officials, etc., started Monday morning, along with breakfasts and lunches for past officials and present officers and continued through the three days. On Monday evening occurred the banquet and reception to the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.; the dinner of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and Past National Presidents of the Sons and Auxiliary; and the exemplification of the Ritual for the Sons.

On Monday afternoon there was a special program for opening sale of Commemoration Stamp honoring the G. A. R. last Encampment. Again that evening occurred the Reception by Gov. and Mrs. Schricker honoring Com.-in-Chief Penland, G. A. R. and Staff, at the Governor's parlors, State House.

On Tuesday evening occurred the banquet and reception honoring Com.-in-Chief Fouch and Nat. Pres. Barrett; the semi-official meeting in the Indiana Ballroom, where all visiting delegations were welcomed and where the heads of all organizations spoke.

On Wednesday evening occurred the annual parade, participated in this year by most of the over two hundred of our members present, part in uniform, the rest in civil dress. The G. A. R. comrades were in cars which were drawn up in line at the reviewing stand, where they reviewed the parade. The annual G. A. R. Camp Fire was

held at 8:00 o'clock in the Indiana Ballroom, addressed by state and local officials.

**SONS FIRST SESSION**

The first session of the Sons convened in the Rainbow Room of Hotel Severin at 4:00 o'clock. The regular routine was followed. All officers were present except Nat'l Counselor Randall. Com.-in-Chief Fouch announced his committees and appointments for the Encampment, as follows:

Credentials Committee: Albert C. Lambert, Nat. Sec.-Treas.; Earl F. Riggs, P. D. C., Cal.; William Nemitz, D. C., Conn.; Russell Bogert, D. C., N. J.; James M. Blackman, P. D. C., Ill.

Constitution & Regulations: Urion W. Mackey, P. C.-in-C., Mich., Chairman; Charles H. E. Moran, P. C.-in-C., Mass.; Julius Isaacs, Dept. Sec., N. Y.; Frank M. Heacock, P. D. C., Pa.; Parker E. Thornburg, P. D. C., Mich.

Ritual & Ceremonies: H. Harding Hale, P. C.-in-C., Mass., Chairman; W. F. Hathaway, P. D. C., Iowa; A. Leroy Reynolds, P. D. C., Ill.; John B. Fuller, P. D. C., Col. & Wyo.

Resolutions: Richard F. Locke, P. C.-in-C., Ill., Chairman; John Sautter, P. C.-in-C., Pa.; Michael J. Heintz, P. D. C., Ohio; Urion Mackey, P. C.-in-C., Mich.

Officers' Reports: Ralph R. Barrett, P. C.-in-C., Calif., Chairman; Charles T. Webster, P. D. C., Maine; Charles B. Martin, P. D. C., Kan.; C. Edward Wetzel, P. D. C., Ohio; Arthur D. Rhinesmith, P. D. C., Ill.

Press: Allan S. Holbrook, P. C.-in-C., Ill.; C. M. Barksdale, P. D. C., Ind.; Hugh I. Snyder, P. D. C., Ind.

**Greetings Committees—**

Grand Army of the Republic: John E. Sautter, P. C.-in-C. and all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Daughters of Union Veterans: C. Leroy Stoult, P. C.-in-C., Pa.; J. M. Blackman, P. D. C., Ill.; Fred Combs, P. D. C., N. J.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: Ralph R. Barrett, P. C.-in-C., Calif.; Urion W. Mackey, P. C.-in-C., Mich.; Dewey B. Mead, P. D. C., Minn.; and the California delegation.

Ladies of the G. A. R.: Hugh H. Snider, P. D. C., Ind.; James L. Hearschman, Delegate, Iowa; Louis G. Blair, P. D. C., Ohio.

Woman's Relief Corps: Charles H. E. Moran, P. C.-in-C., Mass.; Michael G. Heintz, P. D. C., Ohio; Carlton N. Edie, P. D. C., Ohio. Committee on Junior Order: Henry Towle, P. C.-in-C., Maine; Fred H. Combs, P. D. C., N. J.; John H. Runkle, P. D. C., Pa.

**Appointments—**

Guide, Homer L. Young, D. C., Iowa.

Color Bearer, Birt S. Hammond, P. D. C., Mich.

Guard, Chester S. Hubbard, Del., Wis.

Com.-in-Chief Fouch next read his report, which was received with applause, and referred. Past Com.-in-Chief Sautter moved that we continue with reading of Officers Reports until 5:15 o'clock, and all reports not then read be read by such officer when Report of Committee on Officers' Reports was heard. This procedure was followed and reports were heard from Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Patriotic Instructor, Counselor, Chaplain, Chief-of-Staff. (Only the reports of Commander-in-Chief and Secretary-Treasurer were printed and distributed this year. These reports will be found complete in this issue, along with the story of the Encampment).

The Credential Committee reported 164 registered up to that time, this number being much in excess of the number reported at first session for several years past.

The Secretary read communications from P. C.-in-C.'s Sherman and Anderson, who could not attend this year, and various resolutions matters for consideration, which were presented to proper committees, following which recess was taken until 9:00 a. m. Tuesday.

**TUESDAY MORNING SESSION**

Convening at 9:30 a. m. the second session opened in regular form. The report of the Committee on G. A. R. Highway was read by Chairman Mansfield, and adopted as read. This was followed by report of Grave Marking Committee, read by Brother Nemitz, which was given similar action.

It was announced that there were fifteen Past Commanders-in-Chief, which number was increased by one that evening.

Lynn H. Cameron, a Past Dept. Commander of the American Legion from Decatur, Ill., was admitted to the meeting and presented a resolution from their body asking that Congress erect in Decatur, Ill., the city in which the G. A. R., was founded, a tablet honoring the founding of the G. A. R. in 1866. This was referred to proper Committee for action.

The reports of Legislative and Americanization Committees were read by Brothers Heacock and Isaacs, both being adopted as read.

James Diehl, of Butler, Ind., and R. G. Landis, of Berlin, Pa., President and Secretary respectively, of the Nat'l Assn. of Fife & Drums, extended their greetings to the Sons, and stated they were anxious and willing to render the same service to the Sons in the years to come that they had rendered to the G. A. R. in years past.

Brother Colwell of New York Dept. read a part of a letter from Cong. Keating, relating to Dedication Day, and that a resolution designating November 19 as Dedication Day had passed the House, applicable to the years of 1949 and 1950.

In the matter of legislation before Congress discussion was had relating to the best way to keep track of legislation proposed, in which we might desire favorable or negative action, was to subscribe to a service which would enable our Legislative Committee to have a copy of everything proposed, such service to cost \$150.00. Because the Commandery-in-Chief treasury was not in condition to warrant such expenditure, Brother William Schneider, a Past Dept. Commander from St. Louis, Mo., offered to come to the rescue and therewith presented his check for the \$150.00.

For the Committee on Constitution and Regulations Brother Heacock reported as follows:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES REGULATIONS**

(1) From the Department of New York—That a paragraph be added to the Regulations of Article No. 2, Section No. 1, on page 31, to provide that a Department Secretary or Treasurer holding office for twenty-five (25) consecutive years be given service recognition by the bestowal on him of the rank of Past Department Commander.

The Committee recommends concurrence. (Committee report adopted).

(2) From the Department of Ohio—(a) That there be added to Art. V, Sec. 2, page 26, a paragraph assigning definite duties to read: "The Department Commander is empowered to give the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commander any duty that he sees fit for them to perform during his term of office."

(b) That under General Regulations, Chapter V, Article 1, Badges and Decorations, the Commandery-in-Chief adopt "a suitable badge or ribbon, in suitable colors, to those who were initiated in the year of 1898, or previously, and were out of the order in the meantime through no fault of their own."

The Committee is of the opinion that our laws provide for the Department Commander to designate such duties upon the Senior and Junior Vice Dept. Commanders.

Committee does not concur on the second section. (Committee report adopted).

(3) From the Department of Maine—That the Constitution and Regulations be changed by striking out in Chapter 5, Article 2, Section 5, the word "continuous" between the words "years" and "membership" insert in brackets (never having been dropped) between the words "membership" and "may." The Committee believes this would defeat the original purpose of the 50-year badge, and recommend non-concurrence.

(The Department of Maine withdrew the Resolution).

(4) From the Department of Connecticut—That the name, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and succeeding Wars of the United States of America, and that the eligibility be a Male descendant of an honorably discharged veteran (soldier, sailor or marine) of the Union Veteran of the Civil War or any succeeding War of the United States of America.

Since this requires a change in Constitution, and must be published prior to Encampment, no action can be taken at this time. (Committee report adopted).

(5) From the Department of Massachusetts—That Section 4

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**REPORT OF COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF**

To the Officers and Members of the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief—Greetings:

On Wednesday, September 29, 1948, at the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, by reason of your profound faith in me, you unanimously elected me Commander-in-Chief, the highest office in the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In accepting the office I fully realized what lay before me in my official duties, and your expectations of what I should do and accomplish for the Order during my year; this I have tried to do to the best of my strength and ability.

**Membership**

Inactivity in enlarging our membership is still with us. We of necessity by our determination must overcome this. Our FATHERS met all obstacles, and came out victorious, and so can we if we go at it in the right spirit. By my articles in The Banner, I have tried to awaken a spirit in the membership of our Order, to go forward to success in the securing of new members. I know many of the Brothers have worked hard and done their bit in this respect, and by their efforts have met success. Our Organization has plenty to sell, all we need is the right salesman.

Brothers having secured five or more members for our Order are as follows:

C. Edward Wetzel, Past Department Commander of Ohio, 803 Haynes, Dayton 10, Ohio.

James O. Smith, Past Department Commander of Wisconsin, 919 East Johnson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Joseph G. Gilliland, of 610 Court Drive, Fostoria, Ohio, who secured 26 names for a Charter List for a new Camp at Fostoria, Ohio. Therefore they are placed on the Honor Roll.

Homer L. Young, 1129 Bertch Ave., Camp 33, Waterloo, Iowa, secured 12 members.

If there are others they have not been reported to me.

**Visitations**

It was impossible for me to visit all the Department Encampments, some meeting on the same dates, others on dates not so far apart, but so many miles apart that they could not be reached. They should be held, if possible, in adjoining states about three a week and then not have more than three in any one week, and not on the same dates, so the Commander-in-Chief could get to them all, or most of them.

However, holding one in the East and one in the West, at the same or near dates and more than a thousand miles apart, it would be impossible to be there. I have visited all the Department Encampments that I could get to, and in each one I visited I found the finest spirit among the Brothers and a patriotic ambition to build up and make our Order strong.

**Finances**

Finances were low when I took the office and they are still low. We have been compelled to cut our former expenses to make ends meet and pay absolute necessities. I agree with my predecessor in office, either something must be done to lower our expenses or to increase our income. I have cut out what I could to make ends meet.

**Officers**

The officers that you selected to be my associates during the year, as well as my appointees, have reached my highest expectations and have performed their duties to the letter; much praise to each and every one of them. I am indeed indebted to our National Secretary-Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, for his faithfulness to the Order, to me, and his competency in the performance of his many duties.

**Junior Order**

I have during my year given this subject much study, and while we should do something in the way of increasing our membership, still with our finances where they are, any step in this direction should be taken with caution and with the full picture before us.

Possibly this subject can be taken care of in the Departments for a time.

**The Banner**

I find that The Banner is the hub of the wheel of our Order and practically the whole means we have to get anything across to our membership, and with its ever faithful Editor enlisted in our cause we are sure of its dependability and future efforts toward our objects and interests. I am fully appreciative of the faithfulness, willingness and determination of Allan S. Holbrook, to make us a successful growing concern.

**The Reserve**

To Colonel LeRoy Stoudt, we all shout our enthusiasm and praise, and the same to his associates, for the full performance of their duties, for their extra efforts and tedious hours, in making the Reserve a profound success for our Order. (Turn to Page Five, Second Column)

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Pennsylvania—Commander, Gilbert Brown,

## A Mighty Host

In November, 1866, when the Grand Army of the Republic held its first Encampment in Indianapolis, the Boys in Blue were a mighty host, numbered in the millions. Eighty-three years later, as they hold their last national gathering, they still are a mighty host, although their ranks have thinned until less than a squad remains to take the final salute.

All except the 16 feeble centenarians who survive have passed to the beyond which awaits even the bravest soldier. But the G. A. R. host still is mighty because of the deeds performed, the example set, the tradition of valor and patriotic spirit that will live so long as the Republic survives.

The war fought by the men of Grant and Sherman was an old-fashioned one by modern standards. But its issues were clear-cut. The men who repulsed Pickett's charge at Gettysburg, stood their ground at Shiloh and Antietam and endured the bloody horror of the Wilderness were never in doubt about what they were fighting for. They did not bleed and die and suffer for a fuzzy ideology or a grandiose political ambition. When they marched to battle singing "We're coming Father Abraham, three hundred thousand strong," it was with the plain, uncomplicated knowledge that they were fighting to save the Union from the threatened division that would have spelled its eventual doom.

The Union veterans carried the conviction of the righteousness of their cause into civilian life, with the result that they were influential in public affairs to a degree unequalled by any similar group, before or since. As the last G. A. R. men move into the shadows, symbols of the legions who have gone before, they carry with them the admiration and gratitude of a nation they continued to serve long after the last shot was fired, the last campfire extinguished.—Columbus, Ohio, Dispatch, Sept. 1, 1949.

## Veterans' Groups Argue Rights to Succeed G. A. R.

Who will succeed the Grand Army of the Republic?

This question was being asked and answered with vehemence in Indianapolis during the G. A. R. Encampment there August 28-31, as the G. A. R. surrendered its seniority and stepped aside for younger men.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was making some claim for recognition which was brusquely brushed aside by other organizations. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is not necessarily composed of veterans and therefore not entitled to consideration as the heir, the others pointed out.

The chief rivals are the United Spanish War Veterans, now becoming inactive because of the age of its members, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Each claims seniority.

The records show the Spanish War veterans were organized in 1904 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1913.

412 Napoleon St., Johnstown, Pa.; Sec.-Treas., Walter C. Mabie, 667 N. 12th St., Philadelphia 23, Pa.

Rhode Island—Commander, Wallace J. Macomber, 642 Greenville Ave., Johnson, R. I.; Sec., Enoch A. Hoyt, 146 Beacon Ave., Providence, R. I.; Treas., Charles W. Senior, 37 Modena Ave., Providence, R. I.

Vermont—Commander, Edward Emmons, Morrisville, Vt.; Sec.-Treas., Fred F. Cyr, 49 Wall St., Springfield Vt.

Wisconsin—Commander, George A. Powers, 3017 Oakridge, Madison 4, Wis.; Sec.-Treas., Oscar Doppler, 625 Second Ave., Baraboo, Wis.

However, the VFW traces its lineage to 1899, when the Veterans of Foreign Service was formed, merging in 1913 with the Army of Philippines to become the modern VFW.

The VFW is a powerful and active organization, despite its age. It rose to prominence after World War I with the influx of thousands of members of the American Expeditionary Forces.

It got another blood transfusion after World War II when the men of that war with overseas service poured in.

While the American Legion is the strongest numerically of all organizations, it is the youngest of the large ones.

The G. A. R. men are inclined to recognize the Spanish War Veterans as the organization representing the men of the next war.

The men of World War I will never have that recognition because they have no organization solely of their own.

They formed the American Legion but when it opened its ranks to the veterans of World War II, the young men thronged in and today comprise almost 70 per cent of its 3,000,000 members.

The VFW also is dominated by the men of World War II.

So the mantle of veterans' leadership will never fall on the shoulders of those of World War I, unless they organize a new association.—Indianapolis Star.

## Confederate Veterans Outnumber Union

For the interest of our readers there is listed below the surviving Confederate veterans of the Civil War. There are 32 known survivors in 12 States.

Alabama—James W. Moore, Selma, aged 98, and P. R. Crump, Lincoln, 102.

Arkansas—J. G. Chism, Ben Hur, 101, and John A. Marcum, Birta, 95.

Florida—J. P. Robles, Tampa, 102; George W. Keith, Graceville, 100; Robert K. Boyd, St. Augustine, 101; William A. Lundy, Laurel Hill, 101; William T. Keith, Caryville, 99, and Leroy Leonard, Archer (no age given).

Georgia—William Joshua Bush, Fitzgerald, 104.

Louisiana—Stephen Dupre, Alexandria, 104, and William D. Townsend, Olla, 103.

Mississippi—T. W. Quinn, New Augusta, 100, and James A. Thrasher, Louin, 98.

Missouri—John Thos. Graves, Higginville, 107, and John M. Bradley, Poplar Bluff, 106.

North Carolina—Ruffin V. Collier, Louisville, 105, and S. M. Bennett, Relief, 103.

Oklahoma—James R. Arnn, Marlow, 101, and John Shepard, Ardmore, 101.

South Carolina—Arnold Murray, Orangeburg, and V. E. Lafrige, Salters (no age given).

Texas—T. R. McGuyer, Cooper, 101; J. H. Whitsett, Bonham, 100; Samuel M. Raney, Mt. Vernon, 102; T. B. Iden, Houston, 100; Jeremiah P. O'Brien, Kirbyville, 104; Thomas Evans Riddle, Wichita Falls, 101, and Walter W. Williams Franklin, 103.

Virginia—John Salling, Slant, 100, and Charles W. Mathews, Bluefield, 101.

## Meeting of Central Region

The next session of the Central Region will be held in Decatur, Ill., Oct. 15 and 16, St. Nicholas Hotel. Make your reservations direct to the Hotel. It being foot-ball season it is advisable to get your reservations in early. Regional Commander Hathaway desires a good attendance as he has some very outstanding projects to discuss with you. Every member of both Sons and Auxiliary are invited to attend.

Work with Runkle throughout this year.

of Article 1 of Chapter 1 of the Regulations be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its members.

Committee reports no action, and refer it to the floor. (Adopted by the Encampment).

A committee from the Auxiliary in Michigan came in to extend their greetings to Commander-in-Chief Fouch, and present a gift. The committee was composed of the following: Dept. Pres. Florence Brown, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Frances Fouch, wife of Com.-in-Chief Fouch, Allegan; Dept. Pat. Inst. Helen Pierce, Ann Arbor; Mrs. C. Bennett, Iowa; P. D. C.'s Elsie Sprague, Detroit; Lora Villeneuve, Flint, and Marie Luedders, Marshall. Past Com.-in-Chief Locke responded.

The Dept. Commander of Oregon escorted into our session Com.-in-Chief Penland, G. A. R., who extended his personal greetings and sang in a wonderful voice for a century-old gentleman "My Grandfather's Clock." Past Com-in-Chief Sautter responded.

The committee from the W. R. C., composed of Past Dept. Pres. and Sec. of Wisconsin G. A. R. Mrs. Alma Cheesman, and Mrs. Bess Lord, Jacksonville, Fla., came in and extended greetings from that body. Response was made by Pat. Inst. Franklin Hubbard.

From the Ladies of the G. A. R. came a committee comprised of Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Alma Blist, Minn.; Past Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mary Schect, Wis., and Mrs. Lula Maloney, New York, with the greetings from that body. Past Dept. Com. Chester Charter, Minn., responded.

The Daughters of Union Veterans sent the following committee, with greetings: Past Nat'l Pres. Dorothy Houghton, Kansas; Dept. Chief-of-Staff Mrs. Flossie Brown, California. Response was by Past Dept. Com. Michael Heintz, of Ohio.

The Daughters from Michigan sent a committee composed of Dept. Pres. Mrs. Margaret Palmer and Mrs. Leah Vigren. Past Com.-in-Chief Huston responded.

All these greetings committees brought not only greetings from their organizations, but words of commendation and best wishes, with a gift, to our Commander-in-Chief.

A recess was next taken until 3:00 p. m. that afternoon.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

From our Auxiliary came a committee composed of Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Barrett, Dept. Pres. Mrs. Brown, Past Nat'l Pres. Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Fouch, Mrs. Mackey, and a delegation from Michigan. Several from the committee spoke declaring their love for the Sons, their willingness and determination to serve them in any way, and Com.-in-Chief Fouch was presented with the usual gift from the Auxiliary, as well as a personal gift from Nat'l Pres. Barrett. They were responded to by Past Com.-in-Chief Mabie in Walt's inimitable manner.

Past Com.-in-Chief Towle, for the Committee on Junior Order, reported as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR ORDER

To the Officers and Members of the 68th Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Camps of the Junior Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would report as follows:

Article 1. The organization shall be known and designated as the Junior Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Article 2. Eligibility shall be the same as that of Camps of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War except the age limit shall be from ten to sixteen years.

Article 3. Junior Camps may be formed by authority of a Department Commander with the approval of the senior Camp to which it is to be attached.

Article 4. Junior Camp officers shall be the same as those of a senior Camp and business meetings shall be conducted in a similar manner.

Article 5. The Junior Camp shall be under supervision and control of a committee of three members of the senior Camp, appointed by the Commander, two of which shall be members of the Camp Council. This said committee to examine all the books of record and accounts of the Junior Camp attached to them, to report in full to the senior and junior Camps at least quarterly.

#### The Grand Army of the Republic

A Membership of men who had laid their all on the altar of freedom for their country's cause; the bloom of youth upon their cheeks had not faded ere they learned to meet the responsibilities of mature manhood, and at the very post of duty to obey the injunction "Acquit Yourselves Like Men." Out from the precincts of home they marched with light hearts and un-disciplined minds; they left school with lessons just begun, and ere manhood years were theirs returned, having been taught what their Country was worth, and better fitted to preserve its unity and maintain its honor than half a life time would otherwise have taught.

They had been taught discipline, had learned the necessity of rank and authority, they had learned what Liberty had cost and the value of the blessings and the greatness and power of Government. Every star in that Flag was theirs, every stripe had been crimsoned with their own precious blood and they had graduated with the highest honors from the school of Loyalty. They have firmly stood through all the years since they laid aside the sword and the gun for financial integrity and National Honor, and we proclaim today that the roll of the Grand Army of the Republic was the greatest honor roll the world has ever known.

However, let us not forget. That roll was made and completed in the days of old, it was written in the red blood from human hearts, its letters more bright and more precious than those of purest gold were ineffaceably burned in the pages of history by the scorching breath of rifles and the hissing flames from batteries' mouth.

Despite what may be done in official and unofficial sources, those pages in the coming years, and by this and future generations, will be turned to as embodying the truest record of loyalty and devotion, the deepest incentive to patriotism, and the most undying love of country this World has ever known.

They are nearly gone, but their heroic deeds, their patriotism, acts of valor, love of Country, and their memory shall never die.

#### Allied Orders

My associations with the National Presidents of the Allied Orders have been exceedingly pleasant. Edna M. Ray, of the Ladies of the Grand Army; Eleanor S. Stabels, of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Bernice Hecht of the Daughters of Union Veterans, have been most gracious and kind to me.

#### Our Auxiliary

In Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, National President of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, I have had a co-worker that has been untiring, everlastingly working for the good of her Order, accomplishing much, and her wonderful ability, energy, and perseverance has been outstanding.

#### Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic

To say I appreciated or extended my appreciation to Miss Cora E. Gillis, Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, would be too mild; she has been very faithful in handling the load that was hers.

#### The Grand Army of the Republic Highway

Captain J. Clark Mansfield and his fellow members and associates have accomplished much toward the completion of this Highway, having secured legislative approval in the last year from the state of Utah, leaving but one single State to secure legislative approval of the same. When this is accomplished this will complete this highway from Coast to Coast.

#### Legislative Committee

This Committee has in all things done its work in a highly satisfactory manner, been alert to every situation that confronted them and is entitled to much praise.

#### Necrology

Those of the Commandery-in-Chief members that have passed to the Great Beyond during the last year and been reported to me are:

Horace H. Hammer, Past Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer.

Frederick J. McMurtrie, Michigan, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Walter L. Raynes, Michigan, Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Jonas P. Shrieve, Ohio, Past National Council Member.

John L. Reeger, New Jersey, Past National Council Member.

The need of our Organization today is a general awakening to our objects and interest, a matter of waking up and securing success by hard work and a determination that knows no failure in securing new members, in teaching Patriotism, and improving American Citizenship.

I believe it would be to the benefit of our Order in the future to now commence to get and keep as far as possible a record of the Sons of Union Veterans, who are not members of the Organization, and their progeny. This could be secured through the Camp members, securing the names of all eligibles and from time to time their offspring, so

Article 6. Senior Camps shall make a quarterly report in detail to the Department Commander of membership and receipts and expenses of the previous quarter.

Article 7. Department Commanders shall report to the Commander-in-Chief semi-annually the number of Junior Camps in their Department and the total membership of the same.

Article 8. Junior Camps shall be subject to the Constitution and Regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to the By-Laws of the Department of which it is a part.

(Adopted as read).

Past Com.-in-Chief Stoult spoke of the Parade to take place on Wednesday evening, giving the line of march and the line-up in the parade. He stated that all members were to be allowed to parade, either in uniform or civil dress.

Past Dept. Com. Spielman, California, read his report as Engineer for the Committee on G. A. R. Highway, said report being adopted as read.

For the Committee on Officers Reports Past Dept. Com. Wetzel, Ohio, reported, after commencing all officers for their year's service and devotion to the order, that the only report containing recommendations was the Secretary's. They reported on these recommendations as follows:

1—That a registration fee of \$2.00 be charged at National Encampments, starting with the 1950 Encampment. The Committee concurred. Adopted.

2—That the practice of soliciting contributions by the Nat'l Patriotic Instructor for the G. A. R. Fund be continued, and that expenditures as heretofore from said fund be given in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. Committee concurs. Adopted.

3—That the contract with The Banner be renewed on the basis of four issues instead of six per year. Committee do not concur. Referred to Council-in-Chief.

4—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee to present a petition to the Congress of the United States to grant a Congressional Charter to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with all the privilege and right pertaining thereto. Committee concurs. Adopted.

The Credential Committee reported that there were now 211 members accredited for voting purposes.

The Encampment next recessed to 9:00 a. m. Wednesday.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION**

Convening at 9:30 o'clock, the Encampment opened in regular form, but with Past Com.-in-Chief Rev. Frank Huston offering prayer, as a request from Chaplain Heald.

Nat'l Pat. Inst. Hubbard offered a supplemental report giving the totals of the collections made by him for the G. A. R. Fund. This showing the amounts by Departments was as follows: California & Pacific, \$1.00; Connecticut, \$22.00; Illinois, \$100.00; Indiana, \$72.00; Iowa, \$26.00; Kansas, \$10.00; Maryland, \$10.00; Massachusetts, \$105.00; Michigan, \$12.00; Minnesota, \$26.00; Missouri, \$2.00; New Hampshire, \$15.00; New Jersey, \$100.00; New York, \$36.00; Ohio, \$27.00; Pennsylvania, \$52.00; Rhode Island, \$10.00; Vermont, \$10.00; Wisconsin, \$114.00. Total, \$750.00.

Past Com.-in-Chief Mabie read a resolution passed by the Sixty-sixth Encampment in Cleveland in 1947. He moved that this Encampment re-affirm action taken two years ago, and the vote was favorable. The resolution passed in Cleveland was as follows:

**RESOLVED:** That when such time arrives that the Grand Army of the Republic holds no National Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief is hereby authorized to call a meeting of two representatives of each of the Allied Organizations for the purpose of arranging for each yearly National Encampment, and

Be It Further Resolved, that if such a joint meeting of representatives of all Allied Organizations cannot agree on a time and place for the National Encampment, then the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is hereby authorized to arrange for the separate National Encampment of this Organization and its Auxiliary.

The above resolution is clear and concise and if Ye Editor understands his English it would mean that the Sons hereafter are to occupy a dominant position in the affairs of the patriotic organizations known as the Grand Army Family. It would seem that, as the only male organization in the group, and as direct descendants of the men of the Grand Army of the Republic, they should become the head of the family, as would be the case in civil life when the father passes on.

At a meeting of the Past Commanders-in-Chief on Monday evening, because of a challenge from our Auxiliary, this matter

that our members would have a record that they could turn to and know who to approach in securing new members for all time. The Camp Secretary could make a report to the Department Secretary once in each year, and the Department Secretary to the National Secretary, who could keep a record thereof by States, and at the same time get the Company and Regiment that the Soldier served in and the duration of his service, in securing this record for the future. I heartily recommend the same.

The dangers that confront the United States of America today are well known to us. We are fully aware that there is danger from the outside World, but this is not all, there are dangers from within our corporal lines. We must take a decided stand against each and every one of these dangers, both collectively and individually.

My tenure of office is nearly over. I have tried to serve you well and faithfully. I hereby again pledge my fealty anew to the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Fraternally submitted,

PERLE L. FOUCH,  
Commander-in-Chief.

**REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER**

Trenton, N. J., August 8, 1949.

Mr. Perle L. Fouch,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to present the following report of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. I now fully appreciate the services of my illustrious predecessor, Brother H. H. Hammer, as this office requires a great amount of time and thought. A compensation for this is the fact that it has furnished me with a much closer knowledge of the fiscal affairs of our Order, and I shall report conditions as I find them. Various statistical reports are a part hereof. I would like to be optimistic and encouraging, particularly as this is my first report in this capacity. In truth, however, I am greatly alarmed.

It has been only with very careful planning that we are able to show a small balance in the General Account. This is due to the fact that the Commander-in-Chief did not draw anywhere near his appropriation for the year. This combined with careful ordering of supplies has kept us out of the red. However, there are Membership Badges, Fifty Year Badges, and Past Department Commander's Badges on order that will call for an outlay of over \$500.00. During the coming year our supply of rituals must be replenished. It may be necessary for the Council-in-Chief to recommend transferring funds from the Bond Account to the General Fund to balance the budget for the coming year.

The condition of the finances of the National Organization, together with our numerical losses calls upon us for mature deliberation in planning for the immediate future. This same problem is besetting the various Departments. Both the National Organization and the Departments must find ways of reducing expenses and of increasing their income.

The following schedule illustrates forcibly the seriousness of this problem:

	Net Loss	
	Camps	Members
1937 .....	2	497
1938 .....	2	1,095
1939 .....	14	966
1940 .....	21	1,160
1941 .....	26	1,158
1942 .....	15	627
1943 .....	31	1,372
1944 .....	15	456
1945 .....	12	595
1946 .....	23	675
1947 .....	19	1,185
1948 .....	18	762
1949 .....	32	1,047
	230	11,595

While our finances at the present time do not warrant it, there is a need for new advertising literature about our Order. Also, our Organization might well sponsor and prepare a condensed History of the Civil War for the guidance of our members, and for distribution in our communities.

Everyone is familiar with the decreased purchasing power of the dollar. Yet your National Organization receives the same per capita tax (40c per member) now that it received several years ago, on a much larger membership.

While our income has been drastically reduced, all costs have greatly increased.

was discussed in detail, and it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the sixteen past officers present that the Sons should assert its desire for leadership. At the same time it was emphatically announced that we sincerely desire the co-operation of the members of the other groups, and that they would be cordially invited to unite with us in all our efforts in the future toward keeping green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in carrying on the ideas and principles of that body, which they fought for during the Civil War, and worked for in civil life after the close of that war.

In this connection, and in line with above, as well as probable similar action by other members of our group, the National Secretary was ordered to immediately forward to G. A. R. Headquarters a letter inviting all G. A. R. members to our future meetings. Following is a copy of letter sent by Brother Lambert: Grand Army of the Republic, Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Comrades:

By unanimous action of the 68th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at their meeting today, I have been instructed to extend a cordial invitation to each and every member of your organization to attend and be the guest of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at each of their future National Encampments.

We would consider this to be a high privilege and honor; and sincerely trust that you will avail yourselves of this standing invitation.

God Bless you and keep you.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,

National Secretary-Treasurer.

A collection was taken up to be used, in conjunction with funds raised by the other organizations in the G. A. R. Family, in procuring a gift to Major Santelman, leader of the Marine Band, in return for the many courtesies he has shown the organizations attending Encampments. The amount collected was not learned, but a beautiful cup was secured and presented Major Santelman, who was much touched by the courtesy, as were the members of the Band.

Past Com.-in-Chief Locke read his report as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions which was as follows:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

(A) The Department of Minnesota presents a resolution asking the Commandery-in-Chief to abolish one of the regions established in 1935, while opposition has been expressed by members of other regions.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends no action upon the Minnesota resolution. (Carried).

(B) The Department of Minnesota also presents a Resolution in connection with the designation of November 19 as a day to be dignified by honorable mention. Inasmuch as Congress has already passed an act in connection with this matter, there remains no action to be taken by this Encampment. (Concur with resolution).

(C) The Department of Minnesota also presents a Resolution asking that action be taken to secure erection at Fort Snelling National Cemetery of a suitable chapel. Your Committee approves, and recommends that the matter be referred to the incoming Legislative Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Adopted).

(D) The Department of Oregon presents a Resolution asking this Encampment to request the Grand Army of the Republic to enact legislation designating the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as its successors.

Inasmuch as the Grand Army of the Republic has already expressed its opinion in this matter, we recommend no action. (Adopted).

(E) The Department of Kansas presents a request that the Encampment adopt as its official song "Keep the Flag Upon the Pole."

Never having heard the song sung, and none of the members of this Committee being competent to sing a song, we recommend that the matter be deferred until some future time when the members may have an opportunity of getting additional information on this matter. (Adopted).

(F) Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle has presented to your Committee a plea for support of a financial character for Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee.

Your Committee is heartily in favor of giving support to such institutions as the University, if and when funds are available for that purpose. It is our opinion that we should be furnished with more detailed information as to the needs of the institution,

**Financial Statement**  
September 31, 1948, to June 30, 1949

	General Checking Account	G. A. R. Fund	W. L. Jacques Fund	U. S. Govt. Bonds
September 30, 1948—To Balance...	\$1,527.14	\$1,405.19		\$6,700.00
<b>Receipts:</b>				
From Departments .....	\$4,912.24			
National Auxillary—Gift .....	500.00			
National P. D. C. Association.....	150.00			
Interest on Bonds .....	167.50			
Overpayment on Charter—Ohio....	20.00			
Insurance Rebate .....	8.07			
Nat. Pat. Inst. Linsley.....			712.10	
Jacques Trust Fund for Lafayette Camp .....			243.66	
	\$7,284.95	\$2,117.29	\$243.66	\$6,700.00

**Disbursements:**

1947-1948 Vouchers 47 to 72:				
General Expense .....	\$1,089.42			
Grave Marking Com.....	25.00			
Supplies .....	142.04			
Commander-in-Chief Exp. ....	341.42			
Encampment Expense .....	517.75	2,115.63		
Gift to G. A. R.....	500.00			
G. A. R. Highway Com....	185.50		735.50	
Gift to Arlington Hall....	50.00			
	\$5,169.32	\$1,381.79	\$243.66	\$6,700.00

1948-1949 Vouchers 1 to 42:

General Expense .....	\$3,996.22			
Supplies .....	492.09			
Encampment Exp. (1948) .....	100.00			
Commander-in-Chief Exp. ....	222.71	4,811.02		
Lafayette Camp, Dept. New York .....			124.50	
Balance June 30, 1949.....	\$ 358.30	\$1,381.79	\$119.16	\$6,700.00

**Stock and Supplies Account**

Cost of Supplies on hand September 30, 1948.....	\$1,935.27
Supplies purchased .....	492.09
	\$2,427.36
Cost of Supplies on hand June 30, 1949.....	1,744.46
Cost of Supplies Sold .....	\$ 682.90
Received for Supplies .....	\$890.69
Cost of Supplies Sold .....	682.90
Profit on Supplies .....	\$207.79

**Itemized Receipts from Departments**

Department:	Per			Prem. Bonds	Total
	Membership Fees	Capita Tax	Charter Fee		
At-Large .....	\$	\$ 6.20	\$ 1.56		\$ 7.76
California & Pacific..	16.50	144.20	75.85		236.55
Colorado & Wyoming.	1.50	23.30	11.10		35.90
Connecticut .....	2.00	219.10	55.55		276.65
Illinois .....	1.50	91.40	12.05		104.95
Indiana .....	2.50	78.70	4.65		85.85
Iowa .....	6.00	60.20	23.92	6.25	96.37
Kansas .....	1.50	61.50	15.17	2.50	80.67
Maine .....	4.00	208.60	52.30		264.90
Maryland .....	2.00	89.30	12.70	2.50	106.50
Massachusetts .....	10.00	643.50	125.77		779.27
Michigan .....	7.00	111.40	31.95	6.25	156.60
Minnesota .....	1.00	30.10	8.24		39.34
Missouri .....	1.00	23.40	8.75	6.25	39.40
Nebraska .....		18.60	38.70	6.25	63.55
New Hampshire .....	2.50	102.40	5.41		110.31
New Jersey .....	3.00	154.90	10.90	2.50	171.30
New York .....	18.00	367.60	118.30		503.90
Ohio .....	5.50	323.10	5.00 70.38	6.25	410.23
Oregon .....	12.00	61.40	30.10		103.50
Pennsylvania .....	20.50	749.50	95.86		865.86
Rhode Island .....	2.50	67.60	28.55		98.65
Vermont .....	4.00	119.50	31.83	2.50	157.83
Wisconsin .....	4.50	90.80	21.10		116.40
	\$129.00	\$3,846.30	\$5.00 \$890.69	\$41.25	\$4,912.24

**New Camps**

One new Camp was instituted at Fostoria, Ohio, with 25 Charter Members.

and of our own ability to support the same and, therefore, recommend that a Committee consisting of Past Com-in-Chief Towle and the incoming Council-in-Chief be created, with instructions to the Committee to report to the next annual Encampment of the Order. (Adopted).

(G) Past Com-in-Chief Stout has presented a Resolution asking that the National Legislative Committee endeavor to secure the continued presence of the U. S. Marine Band at our future Encampments, and your Committee heartily concur in this resolution, the matter to be placed in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief for such action as he may deem advisable. (Adopted).

(H) Your Committee is proud to concur in the approval of the matter presented to us in the form of a Resolution from the American Legion Post No. 105, Department of Illinois, located at Decatur, Ill., asking that steps be taken to erect a suitable memorial at Decatur, the birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic. The attitude of the American Legion is greatly appreciated by our organization and we pledge active co-operation in the consummation of the proposition advanced, but would suggest change of one word in the preamble of the resolution so that the same will read as follows: "Whereas, This national organization, born of blood and tears, (the G. A. R.) became the outstanding national patriotic organization in the United States, and had a stabilizing effect on our form of representing government throughout the period of its existence." (Adopted).

(I) Your Committee, upon its own initiative proposed the following:

"Whereas, Our friends of the South, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and we of the Sons of Union Veterans, are of one race, and substantially of one political faith; the Constitution of the United States "the greatest document ever conceived by the mind of man" was framed by the ancestors of both the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans, and the hope of the world lies in the maintenance and perpetuity of the principles expounded in our Constitution; within recent months some of the representatives of the South united with those from the North in Congress in matters pertaining to the preservation of our form of Government, and we suggest to our Brothers of the South that we express our hearty approval of this action upon the part of our representatives. (Adopted).

(J) The Committee presents a Resolution that we express our sincere gratitude to Governor Schrickler, to the Mayor and City Officials of Indianapolis, the citizens of the city, the United States Marine Band and the newspapers of Indianapolis.

We express our grateful appreciation for the kindness and courtesies shown to the Grand Army of the Republic, and to its affiliated societies. Perhaps no one thing better expresses our feeling toward Indianapolis than our frequent visits here. (Adopted).

A telegram of fraternal greetings was ordered sent to the American Legion National meeting, now in session in Philadelphia.

Natl President Mrs. Lena Barrett was escorted into the session and presented a check for \$500.00, as a gift from the Auxiliary. This announcement was received with hearty applause and Mrs. Barrett was asked to carry back to her organization the hearty thanks of officers and members for this generous gift.

Recess was then taken to 1:00 p. m. in the afternoon.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

It was announced that the G. A. R. at the business session Wednesday morning had held their final meeting and wound up all their affairs. With this announcement it became apparent that serious consideration would have to be given to time and place of future Encampments.

It was moved that final arrangements for the next Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans be left to the decision of the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the Council-in-Chief. Carried.

Past Dept. Com. John Emery, of the Massachusetts Dept., received permission from the Commander-in-Chief to present the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION—MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Be It Resolved: That a memorial trust fund be established to perpetuate the memory of our Fathers and their service to our Country, and

Be It Further Resolved: That every member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be asked to establish a memorial in memory of a Grand Army man and shall contribute the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for this purpose,

And Be It Further Resolved: That the National Treasurer shall be the custodian of this fund, and with the Council-in-Chief shall invest the fund in a most profitable manner;

#### Reinstated Camps

Two Camps reported by the Iowa Department as disbanded during the March Quarter were reinstated during the June Quarter.

#### Fifty-year Badges Issued

Illinois, 2; Pennsylvania, 8; Massachusetts, 3; New York, 2—Total 15. These badges have been temporarily out of stock, but are on order, and will be available by September 1st.

#### War Medals Issued

Connecticut, 4; Massachusetts, 3; Pennsylvania, 3; New York, 1; Rhode Island, 1—Total, 12.

#### Vouchers—1948-1949

1. Annamae Berhalter, Reading, Pa., Bal. stenographic service.	\$ 100.00
2. W. M. Dickinson Co., Trenton, N. J., Fire Insurance—three years	14.85
3. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., November Subs., 13,189 copies	331.97
4. The Robbins Co., Attleboro, Mass., Supplies—Badges	22.10
5. H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa., Salary July to Sept., 1948	480.13
6. Collector of Int. Revenue, Hammer July to September, 1948, (Withholding Tax)	69.87
7. Collector of Int. Revenue, Hammer July to September, 1948, (Social Security)	11.00
8. W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Printing Stationery	100.00
9. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling Expense, October to December	28.38
10. The Robbins Co., Attleboro, Mass., Supplies—Badges	21.63
11. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Salary, October-December	350.00
12. Collector of Int. Revenue, Withholding Tax—Lambert	50.00
13. The Robbins Co., Attleboro, Mass., Supplies—Badges	7.56
14. Clark the Florist, Trenton, N. J., Flowers—H. H. Hammer	26.00
15. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Supplies—Badges	87.88
16. Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Supplies and Stationery	45.90
17. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., January subscription, 13,022 copies	390.66
400 Rosters	40.18
One-half of Memorial Service Programs	2.38
18. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—January	20.44
19. Edward S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J., Supplies	33.00
20. Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill., Filing Annual Report	1.00
21. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—February	83.45
22. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., 1000 copies C. R. & R.	139.68
23. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., March Subscription—12,704 copies	381.12
24. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Salary—January-March	340.00
25. Collector of Int. Revenue, Withholding Tax—Lambert	53.20
26. Collector of Int. Revenue, Social Security—Lambert	6.80
27. Tongue, Brooks & Co., Baltimore, Md., Premium on Department Commander Bonds	6.25
28. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—March	5.87
29. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., 850 copies 1948 Proceedings	490.44
30. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Shipping—Requisitions 1 to 50	15.12
31. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Supplies—Badges	148.19
32. Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Printing	2.25
33. Clark the Florist, Trenton, N. J., Flowers W. R. C. Nat. Pres.	11.00
34. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., May Subscription—12,429 copies	372.87
35. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—April	22.29
36. Tongue, Brooks & Co., Baltimore, Md., Premium on Bonds, Department Commander	21.25
37. The Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Camp Seal—Ohio	9.28
38. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—May	62.28
39. Geo. E. Hunt, Dept. of Mass., Overpayment on Supplies	3.50
40. Lafayette Camp 140, Dept. of New York, W. L. Jacques Trust Fund	124.50
41. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Salary—March-June	340.00
42. Collector of Int. Revenue, Withholding Tax—Lambert	60.00

I greatly fear that an increase in per capita tax will result in losing many Camps, and for that reason I shall make recommendations designed to improve our financial condition without increasing per capita tax.

**RECOMMENDATION No. 1**—That a registration fee of \$2.00 be charged at the National Encampment starting with the 1950 Encampment.

This is more than justified by the fact that each member attending the Encampment receives a copy of the Proceedings, a copy of the Officers Reports, etc., the cost of which exceeds \$1.50 each.

#### Grand Army of the Republic Fund

Through the medium of the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, we have been able to accomplish much during the past few years that would have been impossible to do from our General Fund. In spite of the fact that this is to be the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that the G. A. R. Memorial Highway is just about completed, I would offer:

**RECOMMENDATION No. 2**—That the practice of soliciting contributions by the National Patriotic Instructor for the G. A. R. Fund be continued, and that such extra expenditures as Highway Committee Expenses, Grave Marking Committee Expenses, the Lincoln Memorial

And Be It Further Resolved: That the interest shall annually be transferred to the General Fund and shall be used to carry out the principles of our beloved Order;

And Be It Further Resolved: That each Department Treasurer shall receive the money and the name of the Grand Army man for whom the memorial is to be established and shall quarterly send all money and names to the National Treasurer;

And Be It Further Resolved: That the National Treasurer shall keep a complete record, by Departments, of each memorial thus established in a book to be obtained for this purpose.

This resolution brought on considerable discussion, partly because of the nature of the resolution, and because it might serve as a partial means in aiding in increasing the funds of the National Treasury, which would need additional money because of the expected extraordinary expenses during the coming year in arranging for National Encampments, and to the dominant position the Sons were to assume in establishing its position as head of the G. A. R. Family group.

Because of the legal technicalities in establishing a trust fund the advice of those of the legal fraternity present among the brothers was to go slow, look into the matter thoroughly, and proceed only after full consideration had been given every phase of the matter. They explained that the Commandery-in-Chief was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, that any steps taken in formulating such trust fund would have to be under the laws of that state regulating trusts, and that the laws specified in what manner any funds of a trust could be invested.

Their advice was that the whole matter be referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief and a special committee to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, and to report back to the next National Encampment. This motion prevailed by vote of the Encampment.

Some of those having in mind the inadequacy of the National Treasury, and because action above taken did not give any present help, moved that a collection be taken up, keeping in mind the honoring of our ancestors and give as generously as possible toward an amount to be turned into the National Treasury. The result of this action was that those present contributed \$301.15, which was turned over to National Treasurer Lambert.

Motion was made by Past Com-in-Chief Sautter that there be appropriated to the G. A. R. Highway Committee the sum of not to exceed \$200.00 for their use in completing their work in securing designation of U. S. Highway 6 as G. A. R. Highway. It is complete from coast to coast with exception of State of Nevada. Motion was carried.

Next came the report of the Council-in-Chief, read by Chairman Bailey, as follows:

**REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF**

Council-in-Chief Bailey: The Council-in-Chief submits the proposed budget, and our recommendations:

**Proposed Budget for 1949-1950 Term**

<b>Receipts:</b>	
Balance on Hand, August 31, 1949.....	\$ 198.76
Membership Fees—400 at .50.....	200.00
Per Capita Tax, 12,000 at 48 (starting 4th qr. 1949) ..	5,520.00
Charter Fees—3 New Camps at \$5.00.....	15.00
Premium on Bonds .....	15.00
Supplies .....	1,200.00
Registration Fee .....	300.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,448.76</b>
<b>Disbursements:</b>	
Supplies .....	\$1,200.00
Encampment Expense .....	1,000.00
The Banner—12,000—6 Issues at .035.....	2,520.00
Encampment Expense .....	1,000.00
Shipping Supplies .....	30.00
Secretary-Treasurer's Salary (incl. rent).....	1,600.00
Premium on Bonds .....	15.00
Miscellaneous, incl. P. C.-in-C. Badge.....	200.00
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	200.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses .....	1,000.00
Committee on Congressional Charter .....	100.00
<b>.....</b>	<b>\$7,865.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT .....</b>	<b>\$ 416.24</b>
Received from Auxilliary .....	500.00
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 83.76</b>

**Recommendations:**

1. That the Per Capita Tax be increased to 48 cents per annum. (Adopted).
2. That The Banner be renewed at 21 cents per member per

University, Arlington Hall, etc., be drawn from this fund, and given in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**Supplies**

A revision of the price-list of supplies was made in accordance with action taken at Grand Rapids last year. This price-list has been published in The Banner, and now that definite prices can be assured, a new price list will soon be printed for distribution.

All items are in stock with the exception of Fifty-year Badges which are on order, with delivery promised for September 1st.

**The Banner**

The experience and devotion to our Organization on the part of the Editor of The Banner, Brother Holbrook, and his staff has been a tremendous help in arranging for and efficiently distributing General Orders, Department Items, and items of general interest. They have rendered a very important and beneficial service, and are alert to the best interests of the Order.

I deeply regret the necessity, due to the aforementioned financial limitations and continued decreased membership to be forced to call your attention to the following:

Membership	Per Capita	Income	Banner Cost	Balance for
July 1, 1937	Tax		Six Issues	General Use
23,864	.40	\$9,545.60	10 1/2c—\$2,505.72	\$7,039.88
July 1, 1949				
12,294	.40	4,917.60	18c— 2,159.74	2,817.46

Under the circumstances, I cannot see how we can possibly continue to authorize these expenditures, therefore, I offer:

**RECOMMENDATION No. 3**—That the contract with The Banner be renewed on the basis of four issues yearly, to be issued in January, April, July and October.

**W. L. Jacques Fund**

At the request of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Westchester, State of New York, the Commandery-in-Chief accepted \$243.66 in trust for Lafayette Camp No. 140 of New York City from the estate of Washington Lee Jacques. This money to be used for "the continuance of the custom of placing flags and markers on the graves of former members of Lafayette Post No. 140, Grand Army of the Republic." This fund will be drawn upon each Memorial Day until exhausted upon presentation of receipted bills, etc., from Lafayette Camp No. 140.

**Grand Army of the Republic**

The love and affection of the members of this Organization for the Grand Army of the Republic have grown from year to year, and our members have lost no opportunity to serve the Grand Army of the Republic. At this, their last Encampment, the Reserve under command of Chief-of-Staff, C. Leroy Stoudt, P. C.-in-C., will have the privilege of serving as a guard of honor in their last parade.

With their passing, this Encampment is truly historic, and at the same time, is one of great importance for our Organization. We must now assert and maintain our rightful place of leadership, and show that the heir apparent is a worthy successor and demands due recognition.

The incoming administration is charged with the responsibility of immediately preparing for our next National Encampment, and every effort should be made to induce the allied organizations to accept our leadership, and co-operate with us to the end that we shall continue to function in harmony and mutual benefit.

With the closing of the books of the Grand Army of the Republic, they will call upon Congress to cancel their Charter, and the time is now opportune for us as their Sons and the only male organization in existence to carry on their principles and objects, to seek the same recognition. Therefore, I offer:

**RECOMMENDATION No. 4**—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief immediately appoint a committee to present a petition to the Congress of the United States to grant a Congressional Charter to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with all the privilege and right pertaining thereto.

Miss Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic has continued to give us valuable assistance. For this and for her responsibility in arranging for this Encampment, appreciation is expressed.

**Our Auxilliary**

Under the leadership of Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, National President, the Auxilliary has been a mountain of strength to us. She and her Organization are to be congratulated. They have left nothing undone to serve us, and their devotion has proven them to be an Auxilliary in every sense of the word. We are indebted to them for their constant service to us.

**Allied Organizations**

Correspondence and relationships with the various allied organizations has been cordial and co-operative.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the National Woman's Relief Corps whose National President, Mrs. Jeanne Sanders, died in office during the past year.

year—six issues, starting the First Quarter, January, 1950. (Adopted).

3. That the Encampment stenographer be paid \$200.00 for her services at this Encampment. (Adopted).

4. That \$50.00 be appropriated to Arlington Hall from the G. A. R. Fund. (Adopted).

5. That \$100.00 be appropriated for use of the Committee to be appointed to secure a Congressional Charter. (Adopted).

Respectfully submitted—George E. Bailey, Rudolph M. Genthner, John A. Ruggles, Council-in-Chief.

A motion by P. D. C. Smith of Wisconsin prevailed in which it was asked that we stand a moment in silent prayer in memory of the work of the Grand Army of the Republic in the civic life of our Country during the existence of that body.

The Credential Committee reported a total enrollment of 211 voting members. It was voted that this be the final and official Encampment Roll of the Encampment.

Upon motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie it was voted that the minutes as taken by our official stenographer be the official minutes of this Encampment after transcription had been approved by the out-going Commander-in-Chief. Adopted.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The National Secretary was ordered to call the roll of Departments for nominations for the office of Commander-in-Chief. When Iowa was reached that Department gave way to Pennsylvania, and Commander-in-Chief Sautter nominated Past Dept. Com. John H. Runkle to head our organization the coming year. Similar procedure was taken in nomination of other officers, with the result that the following officers were nominated and elected:

- Commander-in-Chief—John H. Runkle, Penna.
- Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief—Franklin S. Hubbard, Wis.
- Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief—Parker Thornburg, Ind.
- Council-in-Chief—John A. Ruggles, Penna.
- Council-in-Chief—Rudolph M. Genthner, New York.
- Council-in-Chief—Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire.

The above officers were installed into office by Past Com-in-Chief Sautter, and they took their proper positions in the Encampment.

Past Com-in-Chief Mackie presented Past Com-in-Chief Fouch with his badge denoting past rank and Nat. Sec. Lambert presented to Brother Fouch the P. C.-in-C. lapel button as a personal gift from him, as had been the custom of former Nat. Sec. Hammer for many years past.

The Sixty-eighth Encampment then closed to meet at the call of Com-in-Chief Runkle at such time and place as may be decided upon.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 6**

Report of National Treasurer, July-August, 1949, Incl.

**GENERAL FUND**

June 30, 1949, Balance .....		\$ 358.30
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Per Capita Tax .....	\$1,216.60	
Membership Fees .....	56.50	
Supplies .....	113.51	
Department Commanders Bonds .....	11.25	
Gift from Auxillary .....	500.00	
Donation at Encampment .....	306.20	2,204.06
		<b>\$2,562.36</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
General Expense .....	\$ 612.10	
Commander-in-Chief's Expense .....	184.20	
Encampment Expense .....	589.12	
Bonds .....	50.00	1,435.42
August 31, 1949, Balance .....		\$1,126.94
<b>G. A. R. Fund</b>		
June 30, 1949, Balance .....		\$1,381.79
Received from National Patriotic Instructor .....		750.00
		<b>\$2,131.79</b>
Gift to G. A. R. ....	\$500.00	
Grave Marking Committee Expense .....	25.00	
G. A. R. Highway Committee Expense .....	144.92	669.92
		<b>\$1,461.87</b>
<b>W. L. Jacques Fund</b>		
August 31, 1949, Balance .....		\$ 119.16
<b>U. S. Government Bonds</b>		
August 31, 1949, Balance .....		\$6,700.00
		<b>ALBERT C. LAMBERT,</b>
		<b>National Treasurer.</b>

**Conclusion**

As you come to the end of your year as Commander-in-Chief, you are to be congratulated on your constant interest and co-operation with the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Departments, and the general membership. Your devotion to that end and your personal visits to numerous Departments has inspired them. You and the Organization are enriched by your devotion to the duties of your office. You will have the good wishes and appreciation of the membership for your earnest and conscientious efforts to serve this order.

I am deeply appreciative of your genuinely fraternal interests, and for your courtesies and co-operation.

To you, Commander Fouch, and my colleagues—the National Officers—I am indebted for courtesies and co-operation, and express my appreciation.

An organization like ours can only lose by default. It can only lose if our members deny through indifference and neglect their personal responsibilities for its security and growth. We must not be one hundred per cent in our protestations of loyalty and ten per cent in our daily routine. ALBERT C. LAMBERT, National Secretary-Treasurer.

**Message from Commander-in-Chief**

Having been highly honored to serve as Commander-in-Chief of the finest organization next to the Grand Army of the Republic, I accept this position with full realization of the responsibilities involved, and that this year—1949-50—is perhaps the most crucial year in the history of our beloved Order. Headquarters are hereby established at 610 North Third Street, Harrisburg, Pa. All communications to the Commander-in-Chief shall be so addressed.

We sincerely regret that with the close of the Indianapolis Encampment, the time has come when the Grand Army of the Republic as an Organization has ceased. No longer shall we be privileged to meet with our Father's Comrades. The ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, which once numbered thousands, are now reduced to sixteen in the entire United States, but the spirit which prevailed in 1861-65 is still with them, as was evidenced by the presence of six Comrades at their final Encampment.

For eighty-three years our parent organization has been a guiding light as well as the leader of all veteran organizations. Their principles and ideals were to the best interests of our Country and fellow Americans. To them we owe much—One Country—One Flag—A Nation Undivided, and the strongest in the universe.

Now is the time that we, their legal heirs and successors, must renew our obligation as Sons of Union Veterans to keep faith with them and carry on the work which they have done so nobly for so many years. Memorial Day, their day, is our day. We cannot—we must not fail.

Brothers, if you do appreciate your heritage—if you believe in the ideals and principles of the Grand Army of the Republic, which are the same as adopted by the Sons of Union Veterans, the words of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg "These dead shall not have died in vain" will be your words. You will be a true Son, and as such, you will join with your Commander-in-Chief in Resolving:

- To keep foremost in your mind the Sons of Union Veterans.
- To attend your Camp meetings regularly.
- To take an active part in all Camp activities.
- To assist in promoting objects of interest, more especially for the younger members.
- To recruit at least five new members by March 31, 1950.
- To keep faith with the Grand Army in proper observance of Memorial Day—Lincoln's Birthday—Dedication Day.
- To talk and live Sons of Union Veterans every day.

Brothers, we have an organization of the highest type. There is none other like it. We must however realize that our Order must be operated on a business-like basis. We must forge ahead—we cannot stand still. Plan to increase your membership each quarter. If the increase is only one member, you have gone ahead and will not stand still.

"Somebody said it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so 'til he tried."

With this in mind, our slogan for the coming year will be "It Can Be Done." You can do it if you try. Don't delay—Get those members today—Work for the Sons every day.

JOHN H. RUNKLE,  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans.

### From a Michigan Brother

Editor The Banner:

I think one of the reasons that the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has lagged in membership and interest is that the present generation does not comprehend the type of the men who tried to destroy the United States of America, nor the price the United States has paid, and is still paying, for adopting a policy of appeasement after the close of the war, and not punishing the war-instigators then as we have done since with their kind in Germany and Japan.

The Civil War was no flare-up of the moment, any more than the German and Japanese plans for world domain were. Both were products of long-range, careful planning to build class-empires based on force. Both failed for the same reason—under-rating the fighting power and determination of free men against organized tyranny.

In these latter days we seem to have learned to punish the planner as criminals; the execution of twenty or thirty of the pre-war planners of Secession would have stamped out the idea of State Sovereignty for all time, branding it as a criminal act; and we would not have had the spectacle of the Cross and Bars being openly flaunted in public places many years later.

As a sample of Rebel thinking, even as late as January 29, 1865, I quote the following:

"Raleigh, N. C., January 29, 1865.

His Excellency Jefferson Davis,

Sir: It is not to be presumed that the press of public duty leaves you much time to read private letters, nevertheless I suppose that should you find a moment's leisure you will not object to hearing the views of your countrymen, however humble, who are struggling with you for independence. How this war can be successfully managed, brought to a speedy and honorable end, bringing us independence, are questions that are upon every tongue. I propose to give you my plan briefly:

Declare by law that every Soldier who has or will enlist in our Army, and who at the time of such enlistment was not a slave-owner or land-holder, shall receive a bounty or pension at the end of the war, upon being honorably discharged, of one negro slave and fifty acres of land.

I will state it thus: We have 3,500,000 slaves. We have enrolled 1,000,000 men. Half of these men are slave-holders, leaving 500,000 who do not own them. I would give one slave to each such soldier and fifty acres of land, and if he died in the services to his representatives. Thus you spread the institution. You make every family in the Government interested in it. You do away with the doctrine that this is a rich man's war and the poor man's fight.

If the war is to continue you can make slaves the very means of our defense; declare by law that all negroes captured from the enemy shall belong to the captors by general orders; declare to the enemy that all who will desert and enlist in our army, take the oath of allegiance, and fight in our cause shall have a negro and fifty acres of land upon being honorably discharged; and shall further have all the negroes which they can capture from the enemy to be their own property at the end of the war.

Lincoln has tempted thousands of men into his army by offering reward. I now propose to outbid him, and as we have the most alluring means we shall get the most men from all quarters of the globe to take up arms in our defense. We can reduce Grant's and Sherman's armies by one-half in numbers by desertions if we offer them the bait. We can enlist men from all parts of the

### Our New Commander-in-Chief



JOHN H. RUNKLE  
610 North Third St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Brother Runkle is a member of Camp 15, Harrisburg, a Camp having a present membership of nearly 200, many of whom were secured by the above named brother. He is also a member of the Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps and was the leader of the Corps from 1924 to 1947, when he was selected to command the 6th Regt. Infantry, Sons of Veterans Reserve, with rank of Major. He has held various Dept. offices and in 1943-44 was National Chief-of-Staff.

In civil life he is senior partner and manager of John H. Runkle & Co., a general insurance agency covering central Pennsylvania. He is Secretary of the General Memorial Day Committee which comprises 16 Veterans Posts in Harrisburg, including the Sons of Union Veterans. He is Co-Chairman of the 1950 Encampment Committee for the Encampment which meets in Harrisburg June 18-22.

Brother Runkle comes from a family who gave much in the service of their Country, being a grandson of John A. Runkle, who served in the 16th U. S. Infantry. He is the great-grandson of Jacob Ulrich, who served in Co. B, 20th Pa. Cav. He is a great-great-grandson of Samuel Trump, also of the 20th Pa. Cav.

Aside from the above John is a genial and personable gentleman, a young and aggressive go-getter, whom we believe will serve our order in an acceptable manner, and will bring to the order a business administration which will enhance its interests and standing. He is ready to go, and asks that every member co-operate with him in every way to place our order in the forefront among patriotic organizations.—Ed.

United States if we make it to their interest to come. In a word we can buy out the armed forces of Lincoln, secure their services on our side. We can command thousands of men from Ireland, Germany, Poland, Austria, England, and France by offering them a home in the sunny South and a servant.

We will thus avoid the trouble of arming slaves. We will remove the prejudices against the institution, and bring all the world up to its support from interested motives. The

slave-owners can well afford to give up to the soldiers who have and will fight to maintain the institution 1,000,000 slaves to secure forever the other 2,500,000.

The mode of getting the land and negroes to pay these bounties will be by taxation in kind, by general laws to purchase, by donations to the Government, by capture, by enslaving the free negroes in the South, by taxation and contribution by State Legislatures if needed. With this system of laws wisely and properly regulated our people can be satisfied. Many of our farmers and mechanics can be released and sent home to attend to the industrial pursuits, and an army of 500,000 men put at General Lee's disposal to march where he pleases, and feed them on the front instead of looking to his rear for supplies.

Hoping, sir, that the wish of your heart, the independence of the South, may be speedily consummated, I am, with great respect, your obedient servant,  
J. W. Ellis."

These are the men the South has been taught by their school histories to reverence, and to mourn only that they lost the war. It is still the dream of the Southern white to loll in the shade and watch a negro work.

I have sampled the actual opinion in every Southern State—except Texas—and been shot at, slugged and stabbed for being too nose-y. I wear a Civil War button that is not popular south of the Ohio.—William Newton Nichols.

### The Final Encampment

In its edition of August 25 The National Tribune, "the voice of the Veterans in the United States," published at Washington, D. C., in an article under the above heading concerning the Grand Army of the Republic, said in part:

"No more fitting occasion than this could be had to pay a lasting and final tribute to the Thin Blue Line as it passes over the hill of time to rest in glory in the final bivouac. Most of the now survivors were mere boys when they donned the uniform at the call of Abraham Lincoln; the oldest entered service in 1861 when he was less than 20, and spent more than two years in the field. But this handful of elders, a symbol of an age that is no more, has left its mark upon the pages of American events. Once the Union was saved from itself and from those who would have torn it asunder, they participated in its development. They and others of their time unfolded the West. Under them grew up our vast systems of transportation and the great shipping interests that in time drew to our ports the commerce of the world. Our own industrial growth expanded under the influence of veterans of the Civil War. They were the foundation upon which grew the United States and over which our country has found its way to global leadership.

The Grand Army of the Republic had a phenomenal growth when it is considered that it reached its zenith before the national population began its urban movement. It formed in large groups in city areas, but its strength was in small meeting places in almost every town and hamlet in the land. Intensely patriotic after their war service, the boys had more to do with the formation of our nationalism than any other single factor. They became politically minded, and they determined to see to it that there would not be forgotten those principles of Americanism for which their comrades had bled and died. Many of them became the officers to lead new armies in the Spanish-American War, and they laid down for the people the alphabet of national defense as they saw healed the wounds caused by a nation once divided against itself. It is considered by some in

these days to have been a quaint idea, but one of the most carefully nurtured of all G. A. R. plans and one that has borne the richest fruit in the national vineyard, was an intense purpose to be certain that the people at large would never forget those who sacrificed in war. The loving care of those who bore the battle and of their widows and orphans was a first federal obligation, according to the Grand Army, and it assured itself that none would live in want.

The few G. A. R. survivors, and the fewer who will be on hand for their 83rd Encampment, have lived far beyond their biblical allotment of years. Their future is in the hands of the Almighty who has watched over and preserved them for more than a century. We of The Tribune know that we speak for all veterans, and indeed for all Americans, when we wish them every possible happiness and comfort during their remaining days on earth. They have earned and they possess the gratitude of our citizens. The richness of the heritage they have left is beyond value. The cause they most loved will be protected by those who have served in the wars that have followed their own. They have the respect and regard of their younger comrades in arms as they meet for their final Encampment, and our pledge is humbly made that the things for which they lived will ever remain alive in the hearts of their successors."

## Memorial Honors

### Bulge Casualties

Belgium will erect a huge memorial in memory of the Battle of the Bulge, and, through the American Legion, has invited a pilgrimage of World War II Veterans to the shrine for its dedication next May 30.

This announcement was made by National Commander S. Perry Brown following receipt of a letter from the Belgo-American Association of Belgium.

"Overlooking the sacred ground near Bastogne, where 76,890 American soldiers lost life and limb, Belgium will erect a marble monument in the shape of a five-pointed American star in memory and appreciation of its liberators. On the walls of the shrine will be engraved the history of the Battle of the Bulge, the bloodiest battle in American history.

"Through the Legion the Belgian government has invited America's World War II veterans and their families to join a pilgrimage to Bastogne for the dedication of the memorial, May 30, 1950. The pilgrimage will include visits to Bussels, Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Liege and other famous Belgian cities where the visitors will be guests of honor.

"This tribute to American veterans of World War II is a token of appreciation for the liberation of Belgium from the Nazis and is evidence of the resolve of the Belgian people not to forget."

## Recalls Great G. A. R. Parade

### At Detroit Over 54 Years Ago

The great Grand Army of the Republic reunion in Detroit, Mich., in 1895, was the most thrilling in the history of the city. I was only 14 years of age and a newsboy for the Detroit Journal. Our fathers, the "Boys in Blue," formed the procession in Grand Circus Park, marching down Woodward Avenue to Michigan, then to Griswold Street, to Jefferson Avenue and to Belle Isle. It took six hours for the parade to pass Woodward and Jefferson. There were 111 bands and many drum and fife corps. I was watching the different states to view the Michigan G. A. R.

and my father and his comrades, but the crowd was so great and the streets lined with humanity for miles that it was hard to get the full line-up. Being a small boy, I climbed a telephone pole and sat on a cross piece; I was then set.

The band that headed the parade was the Detroit Metropolitan, and, as they were passing, the band was playing the old song "Bring the Good Old Bugle, Boys." How the "Boys in Blue" sang with the band! Banners were flying with letters in glittering gold. As the various states passed—Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and others, the cheering crowds filled the air with patriotism that will never be forgotten. The band in the rear of the parade was playing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." As I recall that great day in Detroit now at the age of 67, I often wonder if we can not have that spirit today.

When Lincoln called for volunteers, 40,000 Canadians answered by crossing the border and enlisting in the Northern Armies. At the close of the war, those who returned also participated in that great march. After the long procession was over, a middle-aged couple standing by me asked if my father was one of them. I said yes. She had some flowers in her hand and pinned one on my coat. This is my true story of the greatest thrill of my life.—A. C. Marvin, Member, Austin Blair Camp No. 7, Sons of Union Veterans, at Jackson, Mich., Port Rowan, Ontario, Canada.

## 1,185,000 G.A.R. Commemorative Stamps Bought

First day sales of 1,185,000 stamps commemorating the final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Indianapolis were reported Tuesday, August 30, by George J. Ress, Indianapolis postmaster.

Introduction of the popular issue on Monday resulted in one of the biggest sales of a Post Office Department commemorative recently, said J. M. Bell, Washington representative, who has supervised nearly 60 first day sales.

Approximately 500,000 covers were sold, compared with the 675,000 of the record-holding Thomas E. Edison stamp at Milan, O., in 1947, Bell said. Many collectors supplied illustrated envelopes printed in 1861 at the start of the Civil War.

## There Is No Tomorrow

Always tomorrow. Never today. We put off and postpone. We equivocate, argue, explain, and procrastinate. Tomorrow we are going to open the book of life at a new chapter—a new page. Whether it is the land of heart's desire for one person or a million—we have courage for the future. For the Present, we have—yes, fear. Why? We suspect it is because we know that the call for today will require immediate action.

### CHOICE BITS

When the hand of God moves in ways beyond our comprehension, we humans ask why.

When you are discouraged because you are in a valley, remember that every valley reaches up to the hills.

If you wish to grow, spend your time in the company of those who see above the clouds.

When we fill our hours with regrets over the failures of yesterday, and with worries over the problems of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful.

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you.—Henry Ward Beecher.

## Statistics

To those who love to delve into statistics I wish to present the following:

During the four years, 1861-1865, Union Navy cost \$310,000,000.00.

During that period the War Department disbursed \$2,714,000,000.

The number of men enlisted on the Union side was 2,772,000.

About 600,000 Southern men were drawn from industry.

During the last five months of the war the expense of the Union Army and Navy aggregated each day more than \$3,000,000.00.

184,331 men died of disease. There were 98,089 killed in battle; total died of wounds, disease and killed was 303,000.

The United States has been involved in 14 wars from the Revolution up to and including the Civil War; this includes eight Indian wars.—H. L. Stratton, Robert Finch Camp No. 14, Dept. of Michigan.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Edgar C. Clymer, Press Correspondent,  
933 Race St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

### Camp 16, Reading

Meade Camp will resume their meetings for the fall and winter, Monday, Sept. 19. Meetings were dispensed with during July and August.

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### Camp 236, Philadelphia

Theo. F. Cocker Camp will resume meetings the first Monday after Labor Day, the Camp recessed during the month of August with the exception of the Pa. Volunteers, which meet every Tuesday evening at the Hall, Frankford Ave. & Ruan St. The attendance at these meetings is growing all the time and the boys are kept very busy.

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### Correspondent's Note

On Saturday morning, Aug. 6, I paid a visit to the First Convention of the 5th Division U. S. Marines, the veterans of the Iwo Jima Flag Raising, and brought them greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; also took the liberty to bring them greetings from the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the G. A. R. itself, due to the fact that this is their first Convention, just organizing, and with the G. A. R., it will be their last; the two greatest battles ever fought and where the most men were lost and so many casualties—Iwo Jima and Pickett's charge on Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg—and being the Sons bringing the greetings made it an historical event. General Rockey introduced me to the men and I talked to them for about five minutes, bringing them our greetings, and as I brought out the battles and the close touch with the G. A. R., their co-operation with the Band, etc., made it more interesting for them. General Rockey was well pleased with the thought of the various organizations doing this kind of work, and thought it a good idea.

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### Camp 112, Gettysburg

The Gettysburg Fire Company celebrated the 86th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg by having a parade including a number of floats. The parade was a very large one, including besides floats, of The Elks, Moose, Rotary, Lions, Boy Scouts, The Gettysburg Times, and many others and much military equipment belonging to the Government, a float by Gettysburg Camp 112, Sons of Union Veterans. Our float represented a scene from the Battle, consisting of a Civil War cannon, with cannoner and seven men in uniform representing infantry, and two drummer boys. We won second prize, \$75.

**CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC**

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**New Department Officers**

Com., A. R. McKinney, 320 Mission St., Santa Cruz; Sr. Vice, Ralph R. Garwood, 525 Flower St., Pasadena 6; Jr. Vice, George Boone, 409 Grove St., San Francisco 2; Sec.-Treas., Vernon E. Cheney, 4041 Altamont Ave., Oakland 5; Asst. Sec., Al E. Deems, 2801 Onyx Dr., Los Angeles, 32; Couns., Dr. R. R. Barrett, 7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park; Pat. Inst., Elmer Wohlgenuth, 522 E. 11th St., Long Beach 2; Chap., Albert Stewart, 244 Walk Circle, Santa Cruz; Org., J. Sidney Bachtel, 37 Galvin St., San Francisco 24.

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**Camp 1, San Francisco**

Our last meeting was an open meeting with all the affiliated orders and we had a big crowd. We have several new members and our Commander, Bro. Thomas Church, makes it a practice to put all new members in office, to give them more interest in coming to the meetings. The initiation team is practicing so they can put on the work without the ritual.

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**Camp 7, Pasadena**

At the District Meeting held in Riverside, our Chaplain Arthur H. Harvey was elected District Patriotic Instructor.

Wedding Bells rang for our Dept. Press Secretary. He exchanged marriage vows with Mrs. Elsie Weeks two weeks ago and they have just returned from a honeymoon spent in Northern California, Oregon and the State of Washington. Our very best to these two very fine people.

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**Department Notes**

I notice by the Dept. Sec. report that the Department had a net gain of thirteen members after deductions were made for the loss of members by death, honorable discharge, transfers, and dropped.

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**District No. 2 Meeting**

The meeting was held in the Odd Fellow's Hall, Riverside, on June 16. A delicious dinner was served at 6:30 by Auxiliary 18 and the Sons of Camp 15, after which all adjourned to the main hall. Dr. Barrett, Dist. Pres., not being present, Bessie Woerner took over and appointed May Forgy as Vice for the evening.

The following officers were elected: Pres., Bessie Woerner; Vice Pres., Elmer Wohlgenuth; Sec., Ruth Ryan; Treas., May Forgy; Chap., May Miller; Pat. Inst., Arthur Harvey. Most of the Camps and Auxiliaries were well represented.

Our next District Meeting will be held on the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garwood, at 525 Flower St., Pasadena. This meeting will start with a pot luck dinner and those who miss it will be the losers.

**ILLINOIS**

A. S. Holbrook, Press Correspondent, Dwight

**Celebrate Golden Wedding**

Dean and Mrs. Charles M. Thompson, of Champaign, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on Sunday, July 24.

Dean Thompson served as a Corporal in the Spanish-American War, worked his way through college at the University of Illinois, received his master's degree at Harvard, returning to Champaign in 1912 to work toward his doctorate. He was made Dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration in 1919, and served in that capacity for 25 years.

A member of Camp 100, Chicago, the Dean has had a continuing interest in S. V. affairs for many years. His counsel and advice has been sought on many occasions, and his friendship with many of the older members in the Department is much valued.

He has been active in civic and political life and has served the state in numerous capacities.

The members of this Department extend to Dean Thompson hearty congratulations on reaching this stage of marital happiness and wish for himself and his good wife many more years together.

**NEW JERSEY**

Fred H. Combs, Sr., Dept. Press Correspondent, 105 Slack Ave., Trenton.

**Camp 1, Hoboken**

Camp 1 meets 4th Thursday at 126 Hudson St., Hoboken (Sept. 22). Com. Williams has been ill for several weeks but hopes to be at the meeting. He wants to impress on the members there will be plenty business to attend to, especially the arrangements for the celebration of the 63rd installation of the Camp, on Oct. 22.

The Joint Memorial Committee will meet every month, as the veterans who gave their lives in the battles of the last war are being brought home and the committee will see that they are given the proper honors.

**NEW YORK**

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**Camp 77, Elmira**

An occasion long to be remembered in the patriotic annals of the city of Elmira was that of July 3, at 3 p. m., when in Wisner Park, a huge memorial urn, containing red, white and blue flowers, was dedicated to the memory of the Civil War veterans of Chemung County. A bronze tablet is in front of the urn stating that it was erected by the allied bodies of the Grand Army. Although a week end holiday over 150 attended. Mrs. Della Burchard, President of Tent 7, D. of U. V., was toastmistress. Past Com-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer gave the dedicatory address, taking for his theme, "Elmira and Chemung County in the Civil War." Others who spoke briefly were Mayor Emory Strachen, Dept. Com. Judson French, of Batavia; Senior Vice Dept. Com. Leslie More, of Owego; Dept. Pres. Mudge of the D. of U. V., Cortland; Com. Andrew Wright; P. C. Truman Vincent; President of Baldwin Post W. R. C., Mrs. Cora Whiting; Mrs. Allie Konldouski, President of Auxiliary No. 49, and Mrs. Edna Thomas and Emelene Krotzer, Past Presidents of Tent 7, D. of U. V. The invocation was given by the Rev. John Bellville, Pastor of Christs Disciples Church, and the benediction by the Reverend Homer Roan, Pastor of Douglas Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church.

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**Monroe County Council**

The Sons sponsored a party for Comrade James A. Hard at his home Saturday, July 15, the occasion being his 108th birthday, the oldest Civil War Veteran. When Comrade Hard was 100 years old the Rochester Sons presented him with a similar party and a cake surrounded with 100 candies. At that party he agreed to furnish the birthdays as long as "His Boys" furnished the cake, and this tradition has been carried on without interruption to date, this year's cake duplicating the previous ones with 108 candles lighted in celebration of the event. The 54th Regiment gave a concert on the lawn which included all Civil War tunes from "Dixie" to "Tenting Tonight," which was the closing

number in deference to his preference of all songs. A constant stream of friends and well-wishers dropped in to pay their respects to Rochester's Grand Old Man, and included city officials, members of Veterans and patriotic organizations and school children from all parts of the city. He was presented with several boxes of cigars, tins of smoking tobacco, and three new briar pipes. Comrade Hard is in excellent health.

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**Camp 6, Rochester**

On June 8 Glidden-Pierce Camp presented a silk American Flag to the Sunday School of Mendon Presbyterian Church, with Dept. Coun. Robert H. McMahon in charge of arrangements. The Flag was presented by Com. Grover C. Scott and was accepted by Sunday School Superintendent Mrs. Palmer. The Flag was carried by P. C. George Hoyt of Camp 6, with Sisters Mary Hoover, Betty Shaff, Jeanette Gommiggiger and Ruth Glidden of Auxiliary 1 as Color Guards. Com. Scott and Aux. Pres. Jane Ver-Sluis made appropriate remarks; History of the Flag was given by Dept. Pres. of D. U. V. Mrs. Ruth Barrett, and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Mrs. Nellie Cronk, Past Pres. of Auxiliary 1.

**VERMONT**

Thomas A. Chadwick, Publicity Director, Springfield.

At the annual Encampment of the Vermont Department, which was held at Brattleboro, June 23-25, the following officers were installed by P. D. C. George A. Laduke: Com., Edward Emmons, Morrisville; Sr. Vice, Archie Aldrich, Brattleboro; Jr. Vice, George Reed, Chelsea; Council, Mervin Pierson, Springfield; Clarence Pratt, Springfield, William Reed, Chelsea; Sec.-Treas., Fred Cyr, Springfield, (holdover); Pat. Inst., Elmer Monroe, Rutland; Chap., William Wilson, Springfield; Org., Edwin Barnard, Springfield.

Notable visitors at the Encampment were: Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Roy Bennett, of Iowa; Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Allen Spink, of Connecticut; Nat. Chap. Cleon Heald, of New Hampshire; Dept. Coms. William Nemitz of Connecticut and Kenneth Wheeler of New Hampshire; and Dept. Sec. Enoch Hoyt of Rhode Island. The presence and interest of these prominent brothers added much to the inspiration of the meetings.

The Encampment was held in conjunction with the Auxiliary, the Daughters, the W. R. C., and the Ladies of the G. A. R. The fine parade, and the smoothness with which everything pertaining to the Encampment transpired, reflected the hard work of the various committees under the able direction of P. D. C. George A. DeWitt.

Two more of Vermont's "Old Timers" have been presented 50-year membership badges: Leon Bosworth, of Chester, received his at the regular meeting of his Camp, June 14; Elmer Monroe, of Rutland, was presented with his on June 24 at the Encampment meeting.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, the Vermont Department Picnic Association had its first get-together since 1941. Under the leadership of P. D. C. Arthur W. Robinson, 23 members of the Sons and Auxiliary met at Mad River Glen, in the heart of the Green Mountains. After the basket lunch, a large group rode the chair-lift to the top of Gen. Stark Mountain, to enjoy one of the finest views in New England. At the business meeting, George Reed, of Chelsea, was elected President of the Association. The new Vice President is Inez Robinson, of Windsor; Sec.-Treas. Glenna Bumps, of Morrisville. It is hoped that this Department picnic will again become an annual affair.

## AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

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Miss Jean M. Thole, National Press Correspondent, Dwight, Ill.

### THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The 63rd National Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held in Indianapolis, Ind., the week of Aug. 28, marked the 83rd and last National Encampment of that wonderful, grand, old patriotic organization—the Grand Army of the Republic. The “boys in blue” wanted to end their encampments in Indianapolis, the city in which their first encampment was held in 1866, and they had their wish, but only six dear old men, now in their “hundred” years of age, were able to be present. To these six every courtesy possible for their comfort and pleasure was extended while in Indianapolis. The campfire, their last, held Wednesday evening was very affecting, the large hall being filled to its capacity, many standing in the balconies and at the back of the room. The United States Marine Band furnished music and speeches were made, Civil War songs sung and the six old comrades, all 100 years old, or older, were introduced. Commander-in-Chief Penland sang his favorite song “Tenting Tonight.” Tears dimmed the eyes of many as “Taps” was played by the band, thus ending forever the Encampments of those gallant boys, who marched away in the long ago days of the “sixties,” that our Union might be preserved and slavery abolished from our fair land.

Sunday morning many attended divine services at the various churches and in the afternoon the G. A. R. Memorial Service in the Indiana ball room was the important event of the afternoon. The great Marine Band again furnished beautiful music and the St. Cecilia choir sang. Tributes to the deceased members of the G. A. R. were paid, those to Nat. Officers of the G. A. R., who had died during the year being paid by Eldon Geyer, grandson of Com-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Theodore A. Penland, who placed a floral wreath in memory of these officers. Tributes to deceased members of the G. A. R. were paid by heads of the allied patriotic orders. The Memorial address was given by the Rev. Howard J. Baumgartel.

Another important event of Sunday afternoon took place at four o'clock when a handsome Memorial Tablet was presented by the Aux. to the S. U. V., to the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the money for same having been raised by Nat. Pat. Inst. Bertha Longfield. Sister Longfield made the presentation speech, and the tablet was accepted by Gov. Henry F. Stricker. The U. S. Marine Band played appropriate selections.

Sunday evening a public concert was given by the Marine Band to a very large and appreciative audience. It was a musical treat, all the more so as this Encampment was probably the last one at which this wonderful organization will play. Two old Comrades attended and were given seats of honor and much applause.

The joint Memorial Service of the Sons and Aux. was held Sunday evening and this was a beautiful, impressive service, in charge of Nat. Chaplains Marie Luedders of the Aux. and Cleon E. Heald of the Sons. Mrs. Fannie Comley furnished vocal selections and tributes were paid to members of the Aux. and Sons who had passed away since last Encampment, by P. N. P. Edith Nile for the Aux. and P. C.-In-C. Neil Cranmer for the Sons. P. C.-In-C. Frank Huston paid a tribute to deceased members of the G. A. R. P. N. P. Clara Gallagher paid a beautiful tribute

to P. N. P. Anna Keene, who died this summer. The Tribute will be found in another column of this Banner. Floral tributes to deceased members were placed by the Past Dept. Coms. and Past Dept. Presidents.

Monday afternoon there was a special program for the opening sale of the Commemorative Stamp honoring the G. A. R., which took place on the Monument Circle. There was music by the Marine Band, speeches by several, presentation of Stamp Albums by Hon. Joseph J. Lawler, 3rd Asst. Postmaster General, with response by Com-in-Chief Penland of the G. A. R. The address was given by Hon. Andrew Jacobs, Cong. of the 11th District, Indiana. It was a beautiful and impressive service, attended by many.

Monday afternoon the principal event was the Joint Opening Session with the Sons, arranged by Nat. Chief-of-Staff Ethelyn Tucker. This was beautifully carried out in the Roof Garden of the Severin Hotel, headquarters hotel for both Sons and Aux. An aisle was formed by the National Special Aides and National Aides, gowned in long white dresses and carrying sprays of gladioli. As the National officers entered the room and were introduced, the sprays of gladioli were raised, forming an arch, through which the officers marched by twos to their respective stations. It was a lovely and effective opening ceremony, with Sister Tucker presiding for the Aux. and P. C.-In-C. C. Leroy Stoudt for the Sons. After all officers had entered the room, the Aides marched to the front of the room where Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett stood and presented her with their flowers, which formed a beautiful arm bouquet of “glads.” This later was part of the handsome decorations of the President's station, a bower of ferns, “glads” and other flowers. A miniature lighthouse was also used for decoration, and at the back of the station was a large painting—an ocean scene depicting a lighthouse amid ocean waves, carrying out the slogan of Nat. Pres. Barrett throughout her year—“Our Guiding Light—The Grand Army of the Republic.” On the painting were the words “National Encampment, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Indianapolis, Ind., 1949.”

But to go back to the opening ceremony, the Pres. of Indianapolis Aux. extended greetings and presented a floral piece. The Calif. Dept. Pres. presented a floral piece and extended greetings. Sister Fannie Comley sang a welcome song and then Nat. Pres. Barrett extended her greetings and wished for all a happy and pleasant Encampment.

Pres. Barrett presented Com-in-Chief Perle Fouch of the Sons with a gift from the Nat. organization, after which the Sons retired to their meeting room.

Pres. Barrett extended a welcome to all Sisters and was happy so many were present. Dept. Pres. Hannah Kreisher extended greetings from Ind. Dept. and welcomed all to the Hoosier State for their 63rd Annual Encampment. Pres. Barrett then read her report, a splendid one, all Sisters realizing the immense amount of work accomplished by her in her year of service and sacrifice for our Order. She was given a rising vote of thanks and hearty applause at the conclusion of the reading of her report.

The reports of the other Nat. Officers were in printed form and were distributed to members present.

P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer, our Senior Past Nat. President, was then requested by P. N. P. Mamie Deems, of Calif., to present the customary gift of the Nat. body to Sister Lena. This was a beautiful diamond ring and the lovely speech of P. N. P. Dwyer in pre-

senting the gift will always remain in the memory of those present.

Tuesday morning the Nat. Officers and Past Nat. Presidents were entertained by the Indiana Dept. at a delightful breakfast, with Sister Charlotte Halter in charge. A harpist furnished music during the breakfast, there were several souvenirs, and altogether it was a very lovely event, which all present enjoyed to the utmost.

Encampment sessions opened that morning with 265 voting delegates and many other visiting Sisters present. There were 22 Past Nat. Presidents present and these were presented to the Encampment. They were Sisters Dwyer, Beverstock, Groth, Finch, Klein, Deems, Waters, Lange, Gentieu, Combs, Owen, Brady, Lockyer, Blackman, Gallagher, Schroeder, Stapleton, Warren, Nile, Sallman, Lambert, and Joyce, the largest delegation of Past Nationals in the history of the Order. They were received with applause and each presented with a lovely gift by N. P. Barrett.

The Dept. Presidents of both last year and this year were then introduced and presented with a gift, as were the Nat. Officers, they all receiving a gift, remembrances from Nat. Pres. Barrett.

A visitation from a Greetings Committee from the Sons was a most enjoyable event, comprising Dr. Ralph Barrett, U. W. Mackey, Dewey Mead and all Sons from Calif. present at the Encampment. They were received with applause, made talks and Dr. Barrett presented his wife, Nat. Pres. Barrett, with a personal gift from C.-In-C. Fouch. A Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. were also received, as was a committee from the American Legion presenting a resolution that a suitable memorial be placed in Decatur, Ill., the birthplace of the G. A. R., Congress to erect the memorial. This resolution was later acted upon favorably by our Encampment.

Our Encampment was then greatly honored by a visit from Com-in-Chief Theodore Penland, of the G. A. R., who extended warm greetings to our Order and thanked us for the love gift of \$500 which had been presented them. P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer responded beautifully and paid tribute to the grand old men, now only a small remnant of the vast numbers who marched to war over 80 years ago, in the great Civil conflict.

P. N. P. Edna Lambert, chairman of Com. on C. R. & R., commenced her report on changes in same. Because of visitations from allied orders and others, she was not able to conclude same until the following day. All of these changes as adopted will later appear in the Journal of Proceedings. Sister Lambert and her committee put much time and thought on these changes and were given a rising vote of thanks at the conclusion of the report. The Daughters of Veterans Greetings Committee visited the Encampment and extended best wishes and presented a gift to President Barrett.

Nomination of officers was the highlight of Wednesday morning session and election was held that afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 with the following result: Nat. Pres., Ethelyn Tucker, N. H.; Vice Pres., Ruth Daly, N. J.; Council: Lena Barrett, Calif., Marguerite Merritt, Maine, Marion Werner, N. Y.; Sec., Olive Haynes, Ill.; Pat. Inst., Elsie Sprague, Mich.; Chap., Maud R. Shroyer, Pa.; Press Cor., Jean Thole, Ill.; Director of Budget, Edna Lambert, N. J. The appointive officers are: Chief-of-Staff, Lela Shugart, Ind.; Per. Aide, Harriet Brown, N. H.; Counselor, P. N. P. Blanche Beverstock, N. H.

Visitors during Wednesday and Thursday morning were the Greetings Committee from the W. R. C., who extended best wishes for a

harmonious encampment and presented Pres. Barrett with a gift. A delegation from the American Legion paid a visit and spoke on the G. A. R. Highway that with the exception of one state, Nevada, extends from coast to coast; a member of the committee also spoke of the importance of our Order, along with others, taking more interest than ever in the few remaining old Civil War veterans who might be present at next year's Encampment, now that they have no National organization of their own.

An appeal was made for a contribution of \$20 toward a loving cup to Director Santelman of the U. S. Marine Band, a like sum being given by the other allied orders. The Aux. gave their share, and a very beautiful suitably engraved silver cup and a scroll were presented Director Santelman at the Final Campfire held Wednesday evening, and mentioned previously in this article.

The Nat. Council, P. N. P. Katherine Joyce, chairman, reported all books and papers of the Nat. Sec. Hellen Newbright and Nat. Treas. Helen McGowan, were in excellent shape. We were fortunate in having Sister Newbright, now retired, as our Nat. Secretary for three years. She gave excellent service as does Nat. Treas. McGowan, who has one year more to serve. We were and are lucky to have the capable services of these efficient Sisters in these two important offices. The new Sec., Olive Haynes, is also very efficient and will give fine service, having had experience in this line of work.

P. N. P. Ida Rokos Klein gave a report as Chairman of the Com. on Resolutions, same to be published in the next General Orders, as will the Com. on Officers' Reports, given by P. N. P. Mary Stapleton, so space will not be used for them here.

Retiring C.-in-C. Fouch paid us a visit and thanked the Aux. for their much appreciated love gift of \$500. He also urged us to value our heritage derived through the valor of the "boys in blue" and to now more than ever strive to keep green the memory of their deeds and sacrifices.

Nat. Patriotic Instructor Bertha Longfield gave a splendid report, having raised \$526. Her office is one of the most important in our Order.

P. N. P. Celeste Gentieu reported \$997.80 had been received by her during the year for the G. A. R. Memorial Fund, and now has a total of \$12,092.91 in the fund, and with what Penna. Dept. has for the memorial fund, makes the total \$13,392. Sister Gentieu's heart is in this project and she is working toward a \$25,000 goal to erect a suitable memorial to the G. A. R. in Washington, D. C.

Com. on Telegrams, P. N. P. Minnie Groth, chairman, reported telegrams of greetings had been sent to all absent P. N. P.'s Sister Groth, chairman of the Historical Committee, also gave a report on same and stressed the importance of our preserving the memory of the G. A. R. and to consider it a sacred trust.

P. N. P. Eva Blackman reported for the Com. on Ritual, recommending no changes as there were Rituals sufficient to last for two more years.

P. N. P. Margaret Waters reported the Committee on Badges recommended no changes as there were plenty of badges on hand for present and future use.

Nat. Chief-of-Staff Ethelyn Tucker's report was listened to with great interest as this was one of the most important reports of all. She reported \$77 had been realized from the handkerchief sale held at the Encampment, the grand total being \$2,844.75. Her report was received with vigorous applause and she was given a rising vote of thanks. The Nat. Chief-of-Staff has the hardest job of all—raising money during her year, planning the

Nat. convention opening, the banquet and reception to our Nat. Pres. and Com.-in-Chief of the Sons, and the Courtesy Hour. Sister Ethelyn performed her duties to the satisfaction and pleasure of all and deserves everything nice that can be said about her.

It was voted to invest \$1,000 in a U. S. government bond.

Many letters and telegrams of greeting from absent Sisters were read by Sec. Hellen Newbright.

P. N. P. Willma Combs reported on the Arlington Home for Underprivileged Boys at Des Moines, Ia., which is a project of our order. \$866.04 had been received during the year, and \$779.82 expended, leaving a balance of \$86.22. This is worthwhile work and P. N. P. Margaret Brady, who is the "mother" of the project, begun when she was Nat. Pres. many years ago, can well feel proud of her efforts at that time.

The newly-elected Com.-in-Chief, John H. Runkle, of the Penna. S. U. V., paid our Encamp. a much appreciated visit. He was personally escorted in by his proud wife and his mother, Past Nat. Treas. Mary Liddick, and by the Nat. Guides and Color Guards and was given a rousing welcome. In his speech he said he wanted to express the appreciation of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons for their Aux. and again expressed the Sons appreciation of the love token of \$500. He also emphasized that we now, with the ending of the Grand Army of the Republic, are on our own and that the coming year will be a crucial one for us as well as for the other orders. There is much to be adjusted and arranged, but we must carry on and ever seek to promote the ideals and principles installed in us by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Com.-in-Chief Runkle and many of the Sons joined the Sisters in witnessing the beautiful installation ceremony, so impressively conducted by P. N. P. Maude B. Warren.

P. N. P. Emma Finch, to whom we all owe so much for her plans and arrangements as chairman of the Encampment at Indianapolis, pinned the P. N. P. badge on Retiring Pres. Lena Barrett with a lovely little speech, and welcomed her into the ranks of the "has beens." P. N. P. Katherine Joyce pinned the insignia of the Past Nat. President's Club on Sister Lena and also made an appropriate speech.

The Harrisburg, Pa., 6th Infantry Field Music organization visited our Encamp. and serenaded us in honor of C.-in-C. Runkle, who is their leader and is greatly interested in the organization.

The Nat. Encampment then closed to meet again next year.

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#### ENCAMPMENT NOTES

The delegates' luncheon Tuesday noon was one of the delightful affairs of the social side of the Encampment. This was held on the Roof Garden of the Severin Hotel. The souvenirs, old colored "Mammies" in brilliant red costumes, were unique and colorful. The Club breakfasts, luncheons and dinners were all very enjoyable, recalling days of long ago, with Nat. Presidents of yesteryear gathering with Dept. Presidents who had served when they held that chair.

The banquet and later the reception given Tuesday evening in honor of Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and Com.-in-Chief Fouch, arranged for by Nat. C.-of-S. Ethelyn Tucker was a lovely affair. Decorations, souvenir folders, etc., were all that could be desired, and the menu was excellent.

At the Courtesy Hour Wednesday evening Nat. Pres. Barrett received many beautiful gifts. Other officers came in for their share of remembrances and altogether it was a de-

lightful evening, with plenty of entertainment.

Many attended the reception given by Gov. and Mrs. Henry F. Schricker in the Governor's Parlors, State House, Monday evening, honoring C.-in-C. Theodore A. Penland and staff, of the Grand Army.

The exemplification of the Ritual by the Aux. of Frankfort, Ind., was beautifully given and was witnessed by a large attendance of members of the Sons and Aux.

In our limited space in The Banner it is impossible to go into detail or even mention all of the very enjoyable events connected with this memorable Encampment, which will go down in history as the final public gathering of the small remnant of our Grand Army Comrades. Ours is the task to carry on, keeping ever in mind their valiant, courageous deeds, leaving home and fireside that this nation might be preserved.

The Nat. Press Correspondent wishes in this way to acknowledge the wonderful help given her by her press committee: Sisters Chrystal Powers, Edith Snider, Ruth Daly and Florence Parsons. They were on hand at all times, unless called to other duties, and I appreciate their assistance very much. The Nat. Press Correspondent also wishes to thank the Nat. body for their confidence in her.

The Past Dept. President's luncheon Wednesday noon was another happy affair, and was attended by many. Sister Flora Ackerman, of Pa., the Pres. of the Club, presided most graciously. Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett was a guest. The Sec.-Treas. Bessie Wetzel, of Ohio, read the minutes of the year ago meeting. It was a most enjoyable social event and the Nat. Press Cor. Jean M. Thole was happy she was an honorary member and thus able to attend the luncheon. Pretty china birds were the principal souvenirs.

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#### TRIBUTE TO ANNA F. KEENE, P. N. P.

(By Past Nat. Pres. Clara M. Gallagher)

Anna F. Keene became a charter member at the institution of Anna M. Ross Aux. No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct 14, 1889. She filled every office in the Aux. and became its President in 1896. There were seventeen members initiated in her term of office.

After filling other Dept. offices, she was elected Dept. President of Pennsylvania for the term of 1908-1909. She became National President in 1927, noted for her loyalty and fairness at all times. "Nan" was loved by all. She loved the Aux. and never stopped working for it, until the time of her illness.

Past Nat. Pres. Anna F. Keene, passed away June 29, 1949. She has earned her rest.

Life's road well run,  
Life's work well done,  
Life's crown well won,  
Now comes rest.

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#### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT

The 62nd annual Encamp. of Ill. Dept. Aux. to S. U. V. was held in Rock Island June 10-12 and was very well attended. Dept. Pres. Irene Francis presided most graciously at all the sessions, and we were honored by a visit from our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett, and her husband, Past C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett.

Outstanding features of the Encamp. were: Presentation of Flag to Ft. Armstrong Hotel (our headquarters hotel); presentation of beautiful Sallman picture, Head of Christ, to the new Salvation Army building; (both of the foregoing presentations were made by Pat. Inst. Uleta Cook, from the fund she had raised); joint dinner of Sons and Aux. at Masonic Temple; exemplification of ritual by Past Dept. Presidents; reception for Dept. officers given by Camp 243 and Aux. 11 of Rock Island; the Past Dept. Presidents breakfast; Joint Memorial Service with the Sons;

the G. A. R. dinner and the campfire that followed. All of these events were very interesting and were well attended. Nat. Pres. Barrett gave fine talks at both Aux. session and the exemplification of the ritual and we appreciated her presence and talks, also those made by her husband, Dr. Barrett. Other honored guests were Com.-in-Chief of the Sons Perle Fouch and his good wife of Mich. Com. Fouch also gave a fine talk. Gifts were presented these guests of honor.

Election of officers included that of Pres., Mae Cabel, Chicago; Sec., Agnes Mallon, of Naperville. The Treas. Capitola Rehrmann, is a hold-over.

On Sunday morning a tour of Rock Island Arsenal and Black Hawk Park was greatly enjoyed by many, and was followed by the ceremony of placing a wreath on the Unknown Soldiers Graves of Civil War Veterans in the Nat. Cemetery at the Rock Island Arsenal, by Dept. Chap. Rose Lee Brush.

Sunday afternoon the new Dept. officers were installed by P. N. P. Eva B. Blackman.

#### MISSOURI DEPARTMENT

Another Dept. convention in Missouri has passed into history and a new corps of Dept. officers are taking up their tasks of serving our beloved order, to the best of our ability.

These Dept. officers were elected and installed in their respective offices by Past Dept. Pres. Ida Smith. The new Pres. is Dorothy Wilson, Kansas City; Sec., Frances Rohrbach; Treas., Odessa Holton.

We were very happy to have our Nat. Pres. Lena Barrett and Dr. Barrett with us Monday and Tuesday of our convention. It is always a "lift" to any convention to be honored with the presence of our Nat. Pres. and Sister Lena's presence was no exception to this rule. Sister Lena was born in our neighboring State of Kansas, and her relatives came in for her on Wednesday morning, and she drove gaily away to "The scenes of her childhood."—Ida Smith, Dept. Press Cor., 305 Bellfontaine, Kansas City, Mo.

#### NEW YORK DEPARTMENT

The 58th annual convention of New York Dept., Aux. to S. of U. V., was held in Syracuse, June 19-22 in Hotel Syracuse. G. A. R. memorial services with allied orders was held Sunday eve, Monday a. m. a special drill was given by members of Aux. 25 and 16 to Dept. Pres. Adeline Schleit and she was presented with a bouquet of roses.

Meeting was then called by Dept. Pres. Schleit, who presided in a very able manner at all sessions. Meetings were well attended and very harmonious. Monday eve. a memorial service was given for Dept. Chap. Anna Stewart with a eulogy given by P. N. P. Ida B. Lange. Exemplification of ritual was put on by members of Albany Dist. Tuesday eve. a joint banquet with Sons took place.

Wed. afternoon newly elected officers, with Mrs. Sophia Isaacs as Dept. Pres., were installed by P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer, assisted by P. N. P. Margaret Brady—Ella Jones, Dept. Press Cor., 420 Oakwood Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

Beacon—Aux. 10 and their Camp held a covered dish supper in Memorial Hall, many guests being present. A patriotic program was enjoyed by all, with our martyred Pres. Lincoln as the main topic. At a later meeting Dept. Pres. Adeline Schleit and Dept. Com. Chas. Messer and his wife Lillian were guests of honor.

N. Y. City—Aux. 24 held annual Memorial services on May 19 at which time the charter was draped in memory of departed Sisters and also in memory of Com. Downs, one of the oldest Civil War veterans in this vicinity, who had just passed away.

Utica—Aux. 15 entertained Dept. Pres. Schleit and staff and Dept. Com. Messer and staff at a dinner given in their honor. Many guests from all over the state attended, in-

cluding P. D. P. Winnie Durst, of Syracuse, who served as D. P. in 1915. In Oct. our Aux. is planning to cooperate with our Sons, Camp 43, in celebrating their 60th anniversary. They are also planning to entertain our new Dept. Pres. Sophia Isaacs, of Far Rockaway, and the new Dept. Com. Judson French later in the fall. At the ice cream social Aug. 17 held at the home of Sister Emma Hughes, 60 members and guests were present. The proceeds was given to the Dept. of N. Y. Sons of U. V.

Amsterdam—Aux. 56 entertained Dept. officers May 11, members and friends from Albany, Schenectady and Scotia attending. A patriotic program was given with Burtiss Deal, Mayor of Amsterdam as the main speaker. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Auburn—Aux. 28 played host to the key figures of our Dept., entertaining at dinner, honoring Chief Aide to the Sons, Mrs. Leona Palmer. P. N. P. Mary Stapleton attended. An enjoyable program was given, dignitaries and friends speaking highly of the esteem in which Sister Palmer is held, resulting from her many years of service to the Aux.

Newburgh—Aux. 52. Pat. Inst. Josephine Dusenberry and Chaplain Catherine Herne announced at a recent meeting that the unit "adopted" Albert S. Renard and family, of Wollaston, Mass. Mr. Renard is a veteran patient at Castle Point and his grandfather fought in the Civil War. He was surprised to know that there were still Civil War Auxs. and Camps existing.

Yonkers—Aux. 71 entertained Nat. V. P. Edith M. Paulding at a dinner party at the home of Dept. Press Cor. Florence R. Parsons on April 2, and on April 23 Dept. Pres. Adeline Schleit was entertained at a dinner at the Colonial restaurant, followed by a reception at the home of Sister Parsons.

Commemoration of the birthday of Gen. U. S. Grant was held May 1 at Grant's Cottage, Mt. McGregor, under the auspices of the Northern N. Y. Club of the Capital District. Presiding officer was Corinne S. Adriance, of Albany, who introduced many Nat. and Dept. Officers and representatives from allied and patriotic organizations. A highlight was the presentation of an American Flag to Mt. McGregor by Lydia Chamberlain, Pat. Inst. of Aux. 22, Glens Falls, and in return a Flag was presented to the Northern N. Y. Club by John H. Vrooman, Supt. of Historic Sights of N. Y. State. Services were also held at Point Lookout. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, retired, gave a fine address.

In Memoriam—Tribute was paid to the memory of Gen. U. S. Grant April 24 at his tomb on Riverside Drive, N. Y. City by the Camps and Auxs. of N. Y. Dept. P. N. P. Mayme E. Dwyer of the Aux. introduced Capt. Julius Isaacs, the presiding officer, Sister Dwyer is honorary chairman of the Grant Memorial Com. An impressive patriotic program was given, followed by services inside the tomb and floral tributes were placed on the crypts of both Gen. and Mrs. Grant. Following the ceremonies, dinner was held at the Bradford Hotel, attended by Nat. and Dept. officers. Many notable guests from other veteran and civic organizations were present.—Mrs. Florence R. Parsons, Retiring Department Press Co.

#### VERMONT DEPARTMENT

Chester—On April 18, Aux. 11 observed its 25th anniversary. The meeting was conducted by Dept. Pat. Inst. Wilma Baker. High lights of the meeting were the dedications of new silk floor flags in memory of Miss Pearl Willard, a charter member. Aux. 11 was instituted at Springfield, April 18, 1914, with 41 charter members. At the present time the only charter member who belongs to the organization is Mrs. Jessie Archer, of Putnam,

Conn. This Aux. has had two Dept. Pres., the late Mrs. Jessie Bosworth, 1923-1924, and Mrs. Mary Eddy, 1945.

An American Flag was presented Chester High School Band by Mrs. Wilma Baker, D. P. I. Several past and present Dept. Pres. of N. H. and Vt. sent greetings. Guests included three members of the Legion Aux. Refreshments followed.

The 8th grade essay contest was won by Virginia Bawer, of Cassetts with her essay on "Vermont's Part in the Civil War." Other prize winners were Joyce Salo, Lucille Lapoint and Patty Griffith. The Aux. also presented a Flag to the Boys' 4-H Club and one to the W. R. C. Three Flags have been given the school district to be used where needed.

District No. 5 held a meeting with the Windsor Camp on May 21st. A delicious supper preceded the meeting which was conducted by Dist. Pres. Samuel Bradford, of Rutland.

Lyndonville—Sickness has prevented holding winter meetings but Sister Gertrude Maynard has been to White River Junction to work at the Veterans' Facilities.

#### WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT

The annual Encamp. of Wis. Dept., Aux. to S. U. V., was held in Milwaukee, June 12-15. Headquarters were at Wisconsin Hotel with meetings at Auditorium Kilbourn Hall.

Comrade Lansing Wilcox, our last surviving G. A. R. veteran, arrived in a plane and was met by a large delegation from Milwaukee, who escorted him with due honor to Hotel Wisconsin.

The twilight service at Elks' Club, Sunday p. m., will long be remembered by those who attended.

Joint opening of Sons and Auxiliary took place on Monday, June 13, at the Auditorium. The Memorial Service given jointly by Sons and Aux. was most beautiful. A fine tribute to the late Herbert S. Siggelko was given by Dr. J. O. Smith. The charter was draped and taps were sounded for those who passed away during the year. The beautiful hymns sung by Marguerite Erb and the sacred music during the service by Graces Lewis made our Memorial Service most impressive.

Exemplification of the Ritual by Milwaukee Aux. 4 was very creditably given.

Tuesday's session was devoted to reading of reports by the Dept. Pres., other officers and Aux. Presidents. Greetings Committees were received and greetings carried to allied orders. Dept. Pres. Hazel Britton presided, assisted by Nat. Treas. Helen McGowan Wilbur, who acted as representative of the Nat. Pres., Lena Barrett, who could not be present.

Blanche Charter, wife of Chester Charter, P. D. C., of Minnesota Dept., brought greetings in person from Minn. Dept. to both Auxiliary and Sons.

Awards were given to those who were responsible for taking in five or more new members in her Auxiliary.

Mayor of Milwaukee, Frank Ziedler, gave a welcome address. Henry Fuller was a guest speaker and told us about our American Flag.

Election of officers took place at 11:30 Tuesday, June 14, among them being: Dept. President, Mary Harrison, Milwaukee; Treas., Evelyn Jung, Sheboygan; Sec., Ellinore Konrad, Milwaukee.

Mr. Wilcox attended the Campfire at Auditorium and said he was pleased to announce there would be another G. A. R. Encampment at Sheboygan in 1950.

On Wednesday, June 15, all unfinished business was completed. Joint installation of Sons and Auxiliary took place thus concluding the 66th Annual Encampment.

Please send all activities of your local Auxiliaries to me, on time, so I can get it in The Banner.—Lorena Smith, Dept. Press Cor., 919 E. Johnson St., Madison, Wis.